

U.S. wants return of spy papers

TEL AVIV (R) — U.S. prosecutors are pressing Israel to hand back any secret documents it obtained in a Washington spy scandal, Israel radio said Friday. U.S. investigators arrive on Saturday to question officials about the affair, and an Israeli legal team will select which documents to return, Israel Television said Thursday. The radio quoted Israeli politicians as saying that, without documents, prosecutors would be unable to prove that Jonathan Pollard, 31, a U.S. navy intelligence analyst, was guilty of the charge of passing information to a foreign power. They would have to settle instead for a conviction on the lesser charge that Pollard possessed secret information, the radio said. Pollard and his wife, Anne Henderson Pollard, 25, are in custody while prosecutors present evidence to a grand jury which will decide how to charge the couple.

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Arab ministers arrive for CAEU talks

AMMAN (Petra) — Trade and finance ministers of various Arab states gathered here on Friday to attend the 44th session of the Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU) which opens Saturday. Among the early arrivals were North Yemeni Minister of Economy and Industry Ahmad Ja'ed Barakat, Iraqi Finance Minister Hisham Hassan Tawfiq and Syrian Minister of Economy and External Trade Mohammad Al Imadi. During their stay here the ministers are expected to hold talks with their Jordanian counterparts on bilateral relations. The North Yemeni minister is expected to co-chair meetings of a joint Jordanian-North Yemeni committee while the Syrian minister will resume talks with Minister of Industry and Trade Rajal Muasher on subjects discussed during Prime Minister Zaid Rifai's visit to Damascus last month. The Syrian minister will chair the CAEU session.

King congratulates Thai, Finnish leaders

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein has sent a congratulatory cable to King Bhumipol Adulyadej of Thailand congratulating him on the occasion of Thailand's National Day. The King also wished the Thai monarch continuing good health and happiness and the people of Thailand further progress and prosperity. The King also sent similar cable to Finnish President Mauno Koivisto congratulating him on the occasion of Finland's National Day.

Syrian premier due here next week

AMMAN (J.T.) — Prime Minister Abdul Raouf Al Kasm is expected to pay a two-day official visit to Jordan at the head of a high-ranking Syrian delegation next week, a report in the Arabic daily Al Ra'i said. During his visit, Dr. Kasm will hold talks with Prime Minister Zaid Rifai on recent developments in the Middle East region and bilateral relations. Al Ra'i said. The paper added that Interior Minister Hassan Al Kayed will visit Syria next week, at the head of a Jordanian delegation.

House panel to debate draft budget

AMMAN (Petra) — The Lower House of Parliament Financial Committee is expected to hold a meeting on Saturday to discuss the draft budget for 1986. The draft budget was presented to the House by Finance Minister Hamu Odeh on Wednesday.

Bashaireh to assume duties as successor to Arabiyat

AMMAN (J.T.) — Director of Examinations at the Ministry of Education Ahmad Al Bashaireh is expected to assume his new duties as acting secretary-general of the Ministry of Education on Saturday, a report in the Arabic daily Al Ra'i said Friday. Al Ra'i added that Dr. Abdul Latif Arabiyat, the serving secretary-general of the ministry, will retire as of Saturday, according to a cabinet decision.

Kana'an returns from Kuwait

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Taher Kana'an returned home from Kuwait on Friday after attending meetings on development projects in the occupied Arab territories. The meetings were held in cooperation with the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Fund. (See related story on page 3).

Egypt, Israel end talks on positive note

CAIRO (R) — Egypt and Israel have broken new ground in long-drawn-out talks on a border dispute by agreeing when they met next week to discuss Cairo's demand that the issue be submitted to arbitration.

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Iraq reports major air raid on Iranian camp

New strikes appear to be aimed at forestalling Iran's expected attack

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq said on Friday its jet fighters killed a large number of Iranian soldiers in a camp attack, while announcing stepped-up air strikes along the central sector of the Gulf war front line in an apparent attempt to forestall an expected major ground offensive.

The Hamid camp, used for Iranian troop mobilization, was set on fire, an Iraqi military spokesman said in a war communique broadcast by Baghdad Radio. The spokesman said other jet fighters earlier in the day carried out a daring attack on oil installations at Iran's Kharg Island shipping terminal in the northeastern corner of the Gulf. The raid on Kharg, which accounts for about 90 per cent of Iran's oil exports, was carried out at 10:50 a.m., he said. "The targets were accurately hit and set on fire," said the spokesman. It was the 47th raid on Kharg since mid-August. Iraqi leaders have vowed to choke off the Iranian economy and force the Tehran rulers to end the war through negotiations. Baghdad-based Western military analysts said the Iraqis have been massing troops in the central sector of the 1,180-kilometre warfront in preparation for what they described as an imminent major ground offensive against Iran. These analysts said Iraq was also mobilising troops along the border in the central part of the front line. The Iraqi buildup was a response to the Iranians who began in mid-October to concentrate troops in that sector, and are so far estimated to have massed more than 75,000 troops on their side of the border, they said. Iraqi jet fighters, according to a war communique released by the

Jordan is awaiting PLO move, Murphy said to have told West Bank leaders

By Saleem B. Ne'mati
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AMMAN — U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy was quoted on Thursday as saying that Jordan was waiting for an answer from the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) before deciding on the next step in the Middle East peace process. Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij told the Associated Press that he agreed with Mr. Murphy's assessment that the next move in peace efforts was to come from the PLO. Mr. Freij quoted Mr. Murphy as saying that "the PLO now has to give an answer to Jordan. He (Mr. Murphy) told us that King Hussein is waiting."

1 killed in Brussels bomb blast

BRUSSELS (R) — One person died and several were injured when a bomb apparently meant to kill Belgian Justice Minister Jean Gol exploded in a packed courtroom in the eastern city of Liege on Friday, police said. Mr. Gol, the hardline senior deputy premier in charge of law and order in Belgium, had been due to attend a swearing-in ceremony for young lawyers in the building but was detained in Brussels by an important parliamentary debate. Witnesses said Mr. Gol's name was on the printed invitations for the ceremony which was about to begin when the blast went off. No-one claimed responsibility for the bombing and Mr. Gol, who visited the scene after the attack, said the man who was killed might have been trying to plant the device. Mr. Gol said the extreme leftist Fighting Communist Cells (CCC) had said they carried out two other bomb attacks earlier on Friday on a NATO jet pipeline in central Belgium and the offices of the allied agency which operates the pipeline in Versailles, France. The two bombings brought to 28 the number of attacks carried out by the CCC in the last 14 months. Investigators believe the group has links with two other urban guerrilla organisations, the Red Army Faction in West Germany and Action Directe in France. The coordinated attack in two countries caused alarm at NATO headquarters a week before a meeting of allied foreign ministers. A six-page CCC communique found in central Brussels said an unspecified "international communist group in France" had helped in the Versailles bombing.

Karami announces new security plan

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Prime Minister Rashid Karami on Friday announced that two main militia leaders have agreed to withdraw their gunmen from the streets of west Beirut. Mr. Karami spoke to reporters after a two-hour meeting with senior representatives of Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) leader Walid Junblatt and Justice Minister Nabih Berri's Shi'ite Amal militia. The disclosure of the security plan, aimed at curbing bloody street battles between the two militias, came after night-long gun battles and artillery duels between mostly Christian rightist militiamen and Amal and PSP fighters across Beirut's dividing green line and in hills east of the capital. (Continued on page 3)

U.S. senators call off bid to give more aid to Israel

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — Two senators on Thursday withdrew a proposal to give Israel an extra \$531 million in U.S. economic aid, an allocation opposed by Secretary of State George Shultz and considered by budget committee leaders as a "budget buster." Republican Robert Kasten of Wisconsin said he and Democrat Daniel Inouye of Hawaii withdrew the proposal because of unresolved dispute with the Senate Budget Committee over accounting procedures. Senate budget leaders said the new aid, an addition to \$3 billion already authorised for Israel, would put total foreign aid funding over 1986 budget targets and hurt efforts to reduce the U.S. deficit. The extra aid was aimed at reducing interest owed the United States on past arms sales. Britain signs SDI agreement with U.S. LONDON (Agencies) — Britain signed an agreement with the United States on Friday to participate in the U.S. strategic defence initiative (SDI), becoming the first American ally to join the \$26-billion research programme known as "Star Wars." The agreement was signed by U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger and British Defence Secretary Michael Heseltine, who appeared at a joint news conference at the British Defence Ministry. Mr. Weinberger said British participation in the programme offered a significant opportunity to expand the frontiers of scientific research. "I am particularly pleased that the first of these agreements can be signed with the United Kingdom because I think that emphasises both the closeness of our alliance and the special nature of our relationship which is a very vital thing, I think, to both our countries," Mr. Heseltine said. Mr. Heseltine said the agreement offered "a very significant



OIC Secretary-General Sharifuddin Pirzadeh (left) is received by Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri upon his arrival in Amman on Friday (Petra photo)

PLO aide says Abu Nidal was behind Egyptair hijacking

RABAT (Agencies) — A top aide to Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat has accused the extremist Palestinian leader Abu Nidal of masterminding the Egyptair hijacking, and said he got help from both Libya and Syria. Khalid Al Hassan, a member of the Fatah Central Committee, said in an interview published on Thursday Abu Nidal's organisation was behind the hijack which ended with 60 people dead after Egyptian commandos stormed the plane at Valletta airport in Malta on Nov. 24. Abu Nidal broke away from Fatah in 1974 and set up his own group operating under various names. "Abu Nidal is somewhere between Syria and Libya from which he receives help. The coordination concerning travel, passports, money and training is done thanks to Tripoli and Damascus," Mr. Hassan told the Moroccan daily L'Opinion. Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has indirectly accused Abu Nidal of the hijacking and alleged that Libya was involved in it. Mr. Hassan said Abu Nidal's organisation recruited people who were psychologically unstable, kept them in isolation for six months and instilled hatred in them while undergoing intensive military training. Mr. Hassan described the recent rapprochement between Jordan and Syria as a strategic victory for the PLO because it would have a positive impact for Iraq. "I don't think the Jordan-Syrian rapprochement will be detrimental to the PLO. Anyway, the Palestinians are not at the heart of the Jordan-Syrian differences," Mr. Hassan said. Mr. Hassan said he foresaw more direct Soviet involvement in the Middle East region and said Moscow had come to see the Middle East as an area vital to the Soviet Union's security. The Egyptian government-owned weekly magazine Al-Mussawwar said, two Egyptians and a Greek were in the group which hijacked the Egyptair plane to Malta. Quoting the plane's pilot, Hani Galal, Al-Mussawwar said Egyptian security officials were investigating the possibility that two Egyptians, both killed during the storming of the plane by Egyptian commandos, were among the hijackers. It said one of the Egyptians, Ahmad Sharikawi, was an army deserter who had lived in Libya for the past seven years. The other, Mohammad Yousef, had also lived in Libya, it said. Capt. Galal said he also suspected a Greek national who is still being treated in a Valletta hospital. He had identified him to Maltese investigators. Reports from Malta had so far indicated that only four gunmen were involved in the hijacking. (Continued on page 3)

Israeli soldier found killed near Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — The body of an Israeli soldier was found burning in a thorny field near a Tel Aviv suburb Thursday night and police said they were investigating whether he had been killed by resistance activists. Police said the soldier, Moshe Levy, could have been the latest victim of anti-Israeli resistance activities in the occupied territories. A local resident found the body Thursday night. Police announced the murder after identifying the body and notifying the family. In Damascus, the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) claimed responsibility for killing the Israeli soldier. It said in a statement its fighters had planned to take Levy captive for exchange with Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails, but "when he showed resistance, they had to shoot him to death." On Thursday, the bodies of two Palestinians were found in an orchard near Jerusalem close to scene of the deaths of two Jewish couples, raising the possibility of "vengeance" killings by Jews. But police said the two, from the Occupied West Bank, had "criminal records" and their deaths apparently were not politically motivated. In another incident, a small bomb exploded outside a government office in Haifa on Thursday, but caused no casualties or damage, a city police communique said. The bomb exploded in a public park opposite the city offices of the interior ministry, the announcement said. Israel Radio reported that several suspects were rounded up for questioning in connection with the bombing. In the past three months there have been two other bombings in the city which caused five casualties. The killing of the Israeli soldier followed an order by the Israeli authorities for the expulsion of a second West Bank Palestinian in as many days on charges of organising resistance activities against Israel. Mahmoud Abdul Hafez Dehish, from a village near Hebron, is accused of being a leader of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) in the occupied West Bank. Yunis Salem Al Rjib, 29, was told on Wednesday that he had to

Pirzadeh arrives in Amman

AMMAN (J.T.) — The secretary general of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC), Sharifuddin Pirzadeh of Pakistan, arrived here on Friday on a several-day visit to Jordan during which he will meet with a number of Jordanian officials. In an arrival statement to the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, Mr. Pirzadeh said there is "effective cooperation and coordination between Jordan and the OIC thanks to the constructive efforts of His Majesty King Hussein in this field." Mr. Pirzadeh added that a forthcoming conference of OIC foreign ministers, which will be held in Morocco in January, is expected to discuss many issues at the top of which are the Middle East conflict, the situation in Afghanistan, Jerusalem and the Iran-Iraq war. Referring to OIC efforts to end the Iran-Iraq war, Mr. Pirzadeh said that the Islamic Goodwill Committee, headed by the Gambian President, "is doing all within its capacity to end the conflict." The OIC secretary-general was received upon arrival by Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri and the Foreign Ministry's director of protocol as well as the Pakistani ambassador to Jordan. His Majesty King Hussein and His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan are expected to receive Mr. Pirzadeh during the OIC secretary-general's stay in Jordan. Mr. Pirzadeh's visit to Jordan is part of the secretary-general's efforts to coordinate moves among OIC states and prepare for the foreign ministers' conference in Morocco. (Continued on page 3)



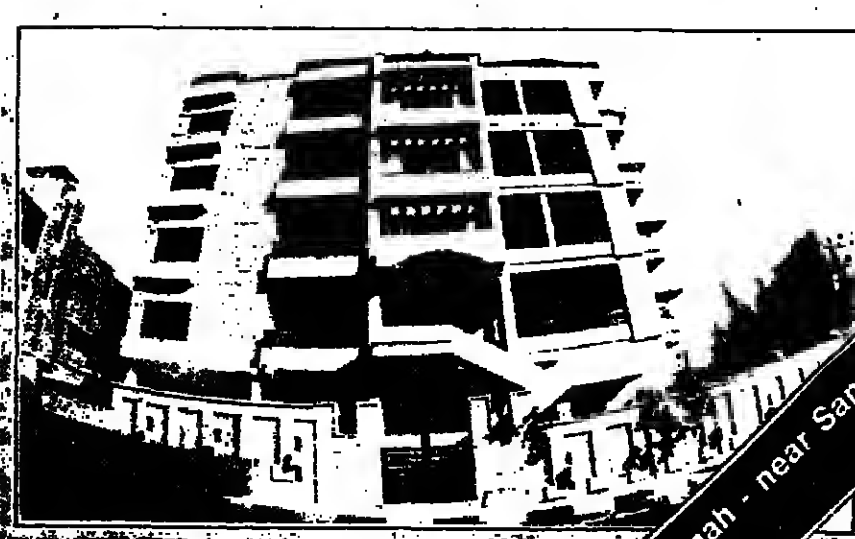
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Kuwaiti paper accuses Washington of 'extortion'

KUWAIT (AP) — A noted journalist on Friday accused the United States of exercising "extortion" and trying to pressure Kuwait through the mission of British envoy Terry Waite who has been seeking the release of the American hostages in Beirut.

Official sources here have said that the authorities have denied Mr. Waite an entry visa to come to Kuwait and discuss the release of 17 prisoners from Kuwaiti jails.

Operatives of the Beirut-based Islamic Jihad underground group have insisted on the release of the 17 convicts as a condition for freeing the American hostages.

Three of the 17 were sentenced to death and the rest to jail terms ranging from life to five years for their role in the December 1983 wave of bomb attacks against the U.S. and French embassies along with vital Kuwaiti economic targets.

In a frontpage editorial, the editor of Kuwaiti newspaper Al Watan blamed Washington for "failing to obtain the release of its hostages."

Under the headline "Terry

Waite, quit the gibberish," Jasssem Al Mutawie contended that the U.S. has "lost its friends and its credibility in the Arab World."

"No sane person would see any link between the 17 convicts and the kidnapped American citizens of another country," he said. "For humanitarian reasons, Kuwait is sympathetic toward these (American hostages) in the face of terrorism, regardless of its source."

He chided Mr. Waite, emissary of the Anglican church, for "ignoring the plight of thousands of abducted, imprisoned and tortured Palestinians and Lebanese while exerting himself for the release of four or five Americans" in Beirut.

"Waite has been trying to gain the release of these Americans by asking Kuwait to free other per-

sons not even remotely linked to the (Beirut) hostages," said Mutawie. "This is extortion in the broadest sense. The United States has been practicing extortion through the Waite mission. Instead of trying to improve its credibility by lending its support to the countries that resent extortion."

He stressed that Kuwait "which refused to bargain for the safety of its own sons during their plane hijack ordeal and never bowed to the demands of the hijackers, will never succumb to extortion."

Mutawie was referring to the hijacking of the Kuwait Airways jetliner to Iran last December, when the hijackers murdered two American passengers and tortured Kuwaitis.

"Kuwait most certainly is prepared to uphold its principles at whatever sacrifices that might be necessary," he wrote. "The Soviet Union managed to free their hostages (in Beirut last October) with the help of friends. This shows that the U.S. is without friends in the Middle East."



MASRI MEETS TURKISH ENVOY: Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri Thursday meets with Turkey's ambassador designate, Mr. Masri a copy of his credentials (Petra photo)

Supporters of Iranian opposition show marks of torture

UNITED NATIONS (R) — Three supporters of the Iranian opposition People's Mujahadeen Organisation held a news conference here to display marks of torture they said they had suffered in Iran.

Asked for comment, Iranian U.N. Ambassador Said Rajaei Khorassani told Reuters Thursday he had not seen the allegations.

Informed of the charges of torture, he said, "It is rubbish. What they say is simply not true... torture is not the practice. That is a principle for us."

At the news conference Mojgan Homayounfar, 24, sat in a wheelchair with an artificial left leg that she said replaced a limb hacked off with a machete by a Revolutionary Guard in Tehran.

Despite her injury, she said, she spent 15 months in solitary confinement and was later sentenced to 15 years in detention but was released when it appeared she was near death. After a series of operations, she contacted the Mujahadeen organisation and was smuggled out of Iran last July.

Narges Shaveshy, 27, who said she had been held in five prisons, displayed areas of her chest that she said had been burned with cigarettes to form the word "mujahadeen" in Farsi, and scars on her left arm that she said had been caused by broken glass.

Shaveshy, who said she was hung from a ceiling for 48 hours and tied to a heater for 10 days, said she had witnessed the execution of 150 people at one time. She said she escaped from prison and arrived in Pakistan in January 1984.

Hossein Dadkhah, 29, an engineering student from Isfahan who said he was arrested in December 1982, displayed foot injuries including the loss of several toes he said had been caused by whipping with cables.

Abbas 'ready to explain' his cause to U.S. public

ABU DHABI (AP) — Mohammad Abbas, head of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat's "Cairo declaration," that renounces violence outside Israeli-occupied Arab territory.

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Poll predicts fall in support for Kahane

TEL AVIV (R) — Support for Rabbi Meir Kahane's anti-Arab Kach Party is dropping while Israel's two main parties show gains, according to a public opinion poll published Friday.

The poll in the newspaper Maariv showed Kach winning four seats in the 120-member parliament, down from seven two months ago.

The American-born Kahane, 53, campaigns to expel all Arabs from Israel and its occupied territories. He is at present his party's only parliamentarian, although parliament has restricted his power to sponsor bills deemed racist.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres' Labour Party was shown winning 53 seats, up from 51, and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir's Likud Bloc was shown winning 32 seats, up from 30.

In a separate poll for the newspaper Yedioth Ahronoth, Peres won a grade of "good to very good" from 84 per cent of those surveyed and Shamir from 76 per cent.

Police on Thursday charged two activists in the right-wing Likud Bloc, which is headed by Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, with taking bribes in a case involving the unauthorised sale of property in the West Bank which Israel occupied in 1967.

The case comes at a time of growing tension between the rival factions in the ruling coalition, which narrowly survived a political crisis last month resulting from a dispute between Peres and Likud's Trade and Industry Minister Ariel Sharon.

Prosecution of the two suspects prompted Likud leaders to accuse the police of being used as a political weapon by the Labour Party.

"It appears to me that there is some sort of excessive zeal here, and I think the zeal is dictated by political reasons," Shamir was quoted as saying in the Yedioth Ahronoth newspaper.

Ronni Milo, a leading Likud member who is also deputy foreign minister, said on Israel Television Thursday night, the case, "smacks more than little of political considerations."

"I will feel a bit better about this when I hear that the police are as busy in scandals involving very high-ranking Labour personalities," Milo said.

Police Minister Chaim Bar Lev of the Labour Party, another coalition partner, said right-wing accusations that he had pressed for the inquiry in order to harm Likud were "baseless and scurrilous."

Two former Agriculture Ministry officials were arrested as part of a long inquiry into claims by hundreds of Arabs that they were swindled out of thousands of acres (hectares) of land through forgeries and deceit.

Police accused one of the officials, Avi Tsour, of accepting bribes of tens of thousands of dollars and of giving a contractor a letter which falsely said a settlement he was building had been approved by the government.

A Tel Aviv magistrates court Thursday remanded Tsour and Claude Malka, now in state jobs in aviation and transport, in custody.

Earlier this week, police arrested a building contractor who was alleged to have used the letter from Tsour to convince clients he was authorised to build in a West Bank settlement.

Tsour and Malka were aides to former Likud Deputy Agriculture Minister Michael Dekel who Thursday celebrated his recent appointment as deputy defence minister. He refused to comment on the arrests. Dekel was questioned by police last summer after they detained three Israelis in connection with the fraud.

He told reporters after the closure: "We had come to the Middle East and Dubai to experiment how international auctions of this kind would be received. We would have liked more buying interest but we are on the whole satisfied."

Asked if Sotheby's would again consider Dubai as the venue, Thompson said "it would be given careful thought."

Dubai is a bustling port city in the Gulf region.

The auction did see some exciting moments, but on the whole Sotheby's might be going back with many items unsold, since Thompson said that there was "disappointment" in some sections they did.

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French delegation postpones Iran trip

PARIS (R) — A trip to Tehran by a French parliamentary delegation has been postponed until next week and its leader has said the visit was not connected with the fate of four French hostages held by Muslim gunmen in Lebanon.

Jean-Marie Daillet of the centre-right UDF Party said the group, which had been due to leave Friday, would not now go until the beginning of next week. He gave no reason for the postponement.

Mr. Daillet had said earlier this week that he would leave for Tehran on Friday with a delegation of

parliamentary colleagues and businessmen to raise the problem of the hostages.

But he said after meeting External Relations Minister Roland Dumas Thursday night: "This mission is not connected to the fate of the hostages, but we cannot be indifferent to their fate."

"We are extremely keen to see them freed but I would have you note that the hostages are in Lebanon. We are not going to Beirut but to Tehran."

Iran Thursday said it would not conduct negotiations with the French team concerning the fate of the hostages.

Tehran Radio said Iran was now ready to receive the delegation but talks should focus on bilateral issues and not on the hostages.

Last Friday, Mr. Dumas described Tehran as one of three "key" along with Damascus and Beirut, to the hostages' fate, adding that Iran had shown a willingness to work for a solution.

France Thursday appointed senior diplomat Jacques Martin to help iron out financial wrangles between Paris and Tehran which have strained relations since the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

Jadhafi seeks way out of Chad conflict

BAMAKO (R) — Libyan leader Muammar Jadhafi, touring West Africa and seeking a way out of stalemate in Chad's 20-year-old civil war, has watered down his previously unqualified support for his rebel protégé, Goukouni Oueddei.

Jadhafi also offered to transform his 6,000 man force in northern Chad into a peacekeeping force, pending a permanent settlement of the conflict.

Col. Jadhafi flew to Bamako, the capital of Mali, Thursday after three days in Dakar where he discussed the Chad war with Senegal's President Abdou Diouf, chairman of the Organisation of African Unity.

He was greeted here by cheering crowds and will have talks with President Moussa Traore.

Mr. Traore tried last March to make peace between Goukouni and the man who displaced him in 1982 as president of Chad, Hissene Habre. He got the two enemies to Bamako but failed to arrange a face-to-face meeting.

Col. Jadhafi told reporters in Dakar that he was prepared to treat the Chadian rivals "on the same footing of equality."

In 1983 Libya sent some 6,000 men into northern Chad to fight alongside the troops of Goukouni. Until Thursday, Col. Jadhafi had always insisted that Goukouni remained Chad's legitimate head of state.

France, which used to rule Chad, sent over 3,000 troops to back Habre in August 1983 but withdrew them in September 1984.

Diplomats following the Dakar talks believe Col. Jadhafi wants to end his costly involvement in Chad, in part because Libya's oil revenues are dwindling.

But Mr. Habre this week ruled out stationing a pan-African peace-keeping force between his own troops and Col. Jadhafi's. He told reporters in Geneva that such a plan was unacceptable since it would seal the division of Chad.

Mr. Habre has also insisted that he be regarded as the legitimate Chadian leader. The argument over legitimacy has been the main reason peace talks failed.

Col. Jadhafi said he was prepared to meet Mr. Habre in Libya but only as "head of one of the interested parties in the conflict."

He said: "We will achieve peace and unity in Chad provided there is no foreign interference... we are determined to achieve peace in Chad very rapidly."

Mr. Habre, who flew to Paris Thursday, said in Geneva that he did not rule out a summit meeting with Col. Jadhafi but it seemed a long way away.

A Senegalese radio commentary Thursday night said that Col. Jadhafi failed to convince President Diouf on many issues and "for the time being, it is not appropriate to restore diplomatic relations between the two countries."

Senegal broke relations with Libya in 1980.

WHAT'S GOING ON

TODAY'S EVENTS

EXHIBITIONS

* Contemporary Egyptian art at Jordan National Museum (until Dec. 10)

* An art exhibition by Iraqi artist Dia Al-Azawi at the Royal Cultural Centre (until Dec. 10)

* An exhibition on the French television system "Antiope" at 6:30 p.m. at the French Cultural Centre (until Dec. 14)

* Islamic book exhibition at Yarmouk University's Islamic Centre (until Dec. 11)

* Soviet art exhibition at the Soviet Cultural Centre (until Dec. 13)

* The second ceramics exhibition by Margaret Tadros opening at 6:00 p.m. at the Ala Art Centre (until Dec. 17)

Prince Hassan returns from visit to Sweden

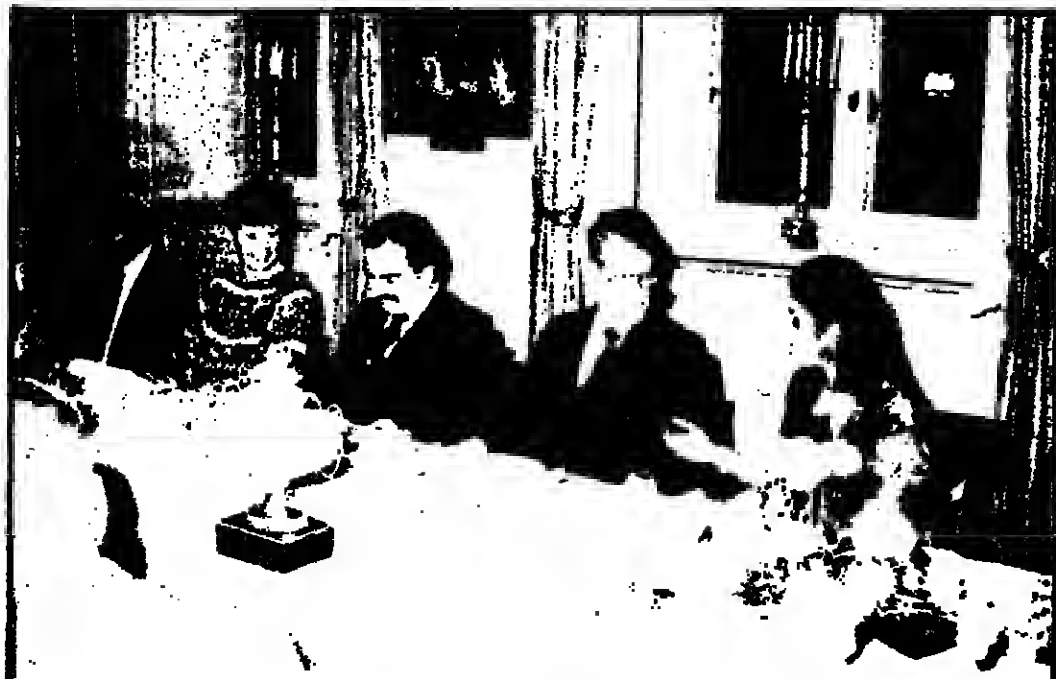
AMMAN (J.T.) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and Her Royal Highness Princess Sarvath returned to Amman Thursday evening at the end of their official visit to Sweden during which Prince Hassan held talks with Prime Minister Olof Palme and senior Swedish officials. The Prince and Princess were also received by the king and queen of Sweden.

In his talks with Swedish government officials, Prince Hassan emphasised the role which the European nations can play in supporting the efforts for a just and durable Middle East peace settlement.

On their last day in Sweden, the Prince and Princess were guests of honour at a banquet hosted by Sweden's deputy prime minister

who voiced his country's support for Jordan's policies and the Kingdom's endeavours to bring about a just settlement to the Middle East conflict on the basis of United Nations Security Council resolution 242. The Swedish official also voiced his country's support for holding an international conference on the Palestine issue and to end the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Upon their return to Amman, Prince Hassan and Princess Sarvath were greeted by Chief of the Royal Court Marwan Al Jasem, Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeh, Armed Forces commander in Chief General Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, Chief Islamic Justice Sheikh Mohammad Mheilan and Swedish Ambassador to Jordan Ingemar Stjernberg.



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and Her Royal Highness Princess Sarvath attend a dinner banquet on the last day of their official visit to Sweden.

Arabs in occupied territories lack funds, Kana'an says

KUWAIT (R) — Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Taher Kana'an said Thursday that Arab government had failed to honour commitments to help Arabs in Israeli-occupied land.

Dr. Kana'an told a news conference in Kuwait that during the past seven years his department had only received \$385 million out of a total commitment of \$700 million.

Yugoslavia to buy \$20m worth of mineral, chemical products

AMMAN (Petra) — Yugoslavia will purchase \$20 million worth of phosphates, potash, fertilisers and aluminium fluoride in the coming year and has agreed to open a trade centre in Amman and will allow Jordan to open a trade centre in Belgrade, Minister of Industry and Trade Rajai Muasher announced Thursday evening.

Speaking upon returning from a visit to Yugoslavia, the minister said that he and his delegation discussed economic and trade issues with Yugoslav officials. The minister also said that he led Jordan's team to a joint Yugoslav-Jordanian economic committee meeting. The talks with the Yugoslav side were comprehensive and covered all aspects of bilateral cooperation, Dr. Muasher added.

He said that Yugoslavia has agreed to purchase 550 tonnes of Jordanian phosphates, 50,000 tonnes of potash, 25,000 tonnes of fertilisers and 5,000 tonnes of aluminium fluoride, worth a total of \$20 million, and added that the shipments will be made during 1986.

These materials will be in the Yugoslav markets for the first time and could be increased in the future if Yugoslavia's companies are awarded contracts to carry out

Jordanian, N. Yemeni joint committee to meet today

AMMAN (Petra) — The Jordanian-North Yemeni joint economic committee is due to open a meeting in Amman Saturday to look into ways for developing economic and trade relations between the two countries.

The Jordanian side will be led by Minister of Industry and Trade Rajai Muasher and will group representatives of departments involved in trade and economic cooperation with Arab states. The Yemeni side is to be headed by

Royal Commission forms committees to reorganise civil service, administration

AMMAN (Petra) — Royal Commission for re-organising the country's civil service system has stressed the importance of developing public administration in Jordan to enable it to fulfil the aims and aspirations of the coming five-year plan and has set up three major committees to help achieve this aim.

The commission, meeting under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Zaid Al Rifai, reviewed work carried out so far by its members and also discussed a draft set of regulations for revitalising the Jordan civil service system.

The commission agreed on the formation of the following main committees to carry out the mission. The first committee, to be known as a manpower dimension committee, will direct its attention to re-organising the civil service on the national level. This committee will be chaired by the director of the Civil Service Commission and will include the director of the Legislation Office, the director of the Ministry of Finance, the director of the Ministry of Public Works, the director of the Ministry of Education, the director of the Ministry of Health, the director of the Ministry of Agriculture, the director of the Ministry of Industry and Trade, the director of the Ministry of Tourism and the director of the Ministry of the Interior.

Administration. The second committee, the financial dimension committee, will include two sub-committees: the first of which will be entrusted with re-examining the country's financial and material procurement and purchasing systems as well as regulations for travel and transfers. The first sub-committee will be chaired by Finance Minister Hanna Odeh and will include the head of the Audit Bureau, ambassador Ibrahim Izzeddin, the director of the General Budget Department, the under secretary of the Ministry of Finance, the director of the Institute of Public Administration and Mr. Abdul Rauf 'Abidin from the prime minister's office.

The second sub-committee will be entrusted with re-examining issues related to public works and the contracting sector. It will be chaired by Minister of Public Works Mahmoud Al Hawandeh and will include Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Marwan Hmoud, the director of the Audit Bureau, the under secretary of the Ministry of Public Works, the director of the General Budget Department, the director of the Institute of Public Administration and Mr. Abdul Rauf 'Abidin from the prime minister's office.

At the commission's meeting, Mr. Rifai stressed the need for speeding up the work of these sub-committees and urged them to submit reports on their work in a month's time.

The prime minister also entrusted the director of the Institute of Public Administration to serve as a rapporteur for the Royal Commission. The Royal Commission is to re-convene in the first week of the coming month.

Ministry plans to introduce data transmission service

By Sa'ad G. Hattar
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The Ministry of Communications is planning to introduce advanced data transmission service to be used as a communications link with both local and international data banks using terminals. Telecommunications Corporation (TCC) Director General Mohammad Shabeh Ismail said Friday.

The pilot project will enable subscribers to contact any data bank and subscribers' terminals, said Mr. Ismail, adding that the service is necessary for banks, financial institutions, economic and industrial firms and academic centres.

In an interview with the Jordan Times, Mr. Ismail said that any member of the public will be allowed to subscribe to the project which is expected to be functional by the end of next year.

A recent decision by the government to exempt computers from customs is bound to encourage ordinary citizens to use this service and more and more people around the world are subscribing to this advanced service, he continued.

Speaking about the project, Mr. Ismail said the TCC adopted the idea in 1984 but had to abandon the project due to a lack of funds. At that time, he said, a draft was



Mohammad Shabeh Ismail drawn up to be covered by a loan directed through the then National Planning Council.

The pilot project in 1984 involved setting up a switch to connect with an international switch for data transmission in one of the European countries. Any subscriber, Mr. Ismail continued, would be able to contact any international data bank via a transit point. The study and trial project also aimed at identifying the demand for such a project before it is put into effect, according to Mr. Ismail.

In 1984, the first successful connection between Amman and terminals at a Washington data bank took place but the implementation of the project was nevertheless delayed, he said.

Hmoud urges councils to initiate income-generating projects

J. JAN VALLEY (J.T.) — Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Marwan Hmoud has called on municipal and rural councils to initiate income-generating development projects to reduce borrowing money for projects. The minister proposed that these councils carry out short and long-term plans in their regions to achieve this objective.

The minister was speaking during a tour of four towns in the northern Jordan Valley region Thursday. Mr. Hmoud, who was accompanied by the district governor Hussein Habashneh, visited Kramieh, Masharrah, Sheikh Hussein and North Shuneh.

In meeting with the municipal councils of these towns, Mr. Hmoud said his ministry will set up a special committee to study the conditions in the region in order to try and meet the needs of local joint services councils which offer services to neighbouring villages and towns in each area. This committee will introduce measures to promote the activities of these joint councils and will supply sufficient funds to help them carry

out their projects in the coming year, Mr. Hmoud said.

The minister added that local councils must keep to current organisational plans for their regions, stem violations by citizens and assign areas for public gardens and public utilities.

Representatives of the four municipalities presented their requests and explained their regions' needs during their meetings with the minister. All representatives requested assistance to help them expand the areas under their control and they asked for more fuel allowances normally given by the ministry to such councils. The council also requested sufficient areas for dumping garbage and rubbish.

The minister promised that these issues will be studied, and announced that an engineering office will be opened at the ministry to offer assistance to local councils in organisational matters.

Mr. Hmoud urged the municipal councils to speed up the process of collecting due fees and taxes which would help finance their various projects.

Government scraps fixed prices for fruit, vegetables

AMMAN (J.T.) — A pricing system for all types of local agricultural products has been cancelled in accordance with a decision issued in Amman on Thursday. The pricing system had been in force for some time to prevent manipulation of prices on the part of merchants and to stabilise prices of all vegetables and fruits sold by local farmers to the central market.

The decision was taken during a meeting chaired by Prime Minister Zaid Al Rifai and attended by several cabinet members and a number of officials concerned with agricultural production.

The meeting reviewed issues pertaining to the marketing of Jordanian agricultural products and decided to entrust the Agricultural Marketing and Pro-

cessing Company of Jordan (AMPCO) with purchasing crops from the central market for fair and rewarding prices for the farmers and then to sell the produce at reasonable prices. The company will also be responsible for purchasing crops for export.

The meeting also decided to entrust the company to settle outstanding payment for the farmers

and tomato growers who sold the company tomatoes for processing. This settlement of payment, should be carried out from now until Dec. 20. The meeting also decided to convene a meeting of the Higher Agricultural Council in the coming week to make a revision of the whole agricultural marketing policy in Jordan.

AMPCO Director General Marwan Dudin commented on the cancellation of prices by saying that it is bound to give encouragement to farmers. He told the Jordan Times that the decision will help create competition between merchants selling locally-produced vegetables and crops but will offer consumers a better chance to buy at competitive prices.

Work begins on JD 5.2 in project for land reclamation, cereal cultivation

AMMAN (Petra) — Work has started on a JD 5.2 million pilot project to reclaim desert land in the southern parts of Jordan, and to exploit these areas for planting wheat, fodder and raising sheep.

The first phase of the project, covering 14,000 dunums of land, has already started and 8,000 dunums have been planted with wheat over the past three months.

Speaking about this pilot project, Dr. Hassan Jashoua, a professor from Arizona University in the United States, and one of a Jordanian team supervising the project, said that an area of 8,000 dunums, planted with wheat in Sahel Al Siyawan area, north-east Aqaba, has yielded 2,100 tonnes of wheat.

He said that the first stage costs JD 2.8 million and will cover an area of 14,000 dunums in Sahel Al Siyawan, while the second stage, which will cover an area of 10,000 dunums in Sahel Manasheer, is expected to cost JD 2.4 million.

Dr. Jashoua added that the project aims to produce wheat, fodder, meat and dairy products. He continued that 60,000 sheep will be bred and that summer crops will be planted in addition to winter ones. He added that the project will be completed in two years and by that time, the area will be producing 15,000 tonnes of wheat in addition to dairy products and red meat.

Dr. Jashoua added that the project, once completed will be divided into production units which

will be distributed to investment companies and individuals at nominal prices to exploit them for planting wheat and fodder or raising livestock.

Dr. Jashoua also said that the reclamation project in the South has proved successful because the area of land which the government can rent to citizens for investment ranges between 70,000 and 100,000 dunums. He noted that the government has so far received requests from the private sector for the exploitation of more than 500,000 dunums.

Such projects contribute to achieving food security in the country and will lead to improving the economic and social conditions of the people, he concluded.

'Jordan awaiting PLO move'

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Commenting on Mr. Freij's statement, Mr. Ahmad said: "Mr. Freij does not speak for us. He is entitled to his own personal opinion. We have nothing to do with what he says."

The PLO official categorically denied that the PLO was given any "ultimatum" by Jordan.

He reiterated the PLO's position of rejecting U.N. Resolution 242 "on its own" because "it was issued to settle an Arab-Israeli war and not to solve the Palestinian problem."

In Washington, State Department spokesman Bernard Kalb

said on Thursday that current U.S. efforts are focused on getting direct peace negotiations started between Israel and a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation.

The spokesman, Bernard Kalb, said the peace process was open for Syria.

"We believe that United Nations Security Council Resolution 242 applies to all fronts involved in the 1967 war, including the Golan Heights, and that Syria has a place in the peace process, if it wishes to participate," Kalb said. He added that the issue of holding an international conference "remains under discussion."

Israeli soldier found killed

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leave because of alleged support for a PLO faction.

The army has ordered the expulsion of several alleged Palestinians in recent months. Most have appealed against the orders to a military advisory commission or Israel's supreme court.

Mr. Ribb was among 600 Palestinian prisoners who chose to return home to the occupied territories when Israel released 1,150

Palestinians last May in exchange for three Israeli soldiers captured in Lebanon.

Mr. Ribb, who had served 12 years when he was freed, will appeal against the expulsion, his lawyer said.

Four Palestinians were expelled to the East Bank in recent months for alleged resistance activity. Four others have appealed similar orders and are in jail awaiting a decision of Israeli courts.

PLO aide says Abu Nidal behind hijack

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In another report, the magazine said that the first request of the surviving gunman Omar Marzouki was to be sent to Libya as quickly as possible. Egypt has asked Malta for his extradition.

Lessons learned from actual experience are obviously an important part of this process," Kalb said, adding that he would not be drawn into making any specific comments.

Fourteen Palestinians from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip who were killed when the Egyptian plane in Malta have been brought to the occupied Gaza Strip for burial.

The Israeli daily Haaretz reported the bodies of the slain Gazans were flown to Cairo and then brought across the Egyptian frontier at the Gaza town of Rafiah during the week.

Earlier reports said that 10 Palestinians, including eight children, were killed in the hijacking.

In Washington, U.S. State Department spokesman Bernard Kalb, replying to questions on American role in helping the Egyptian commando operation, declined specific comments on future U.S. plans to counter extremism.

Kalb declined specific comment on published reports that the administration is considering permanently basing a counter-terrorism team in Europe to improve reaction time when faced with crises such as Egyptian hijacking to Malta or similar terrorist activities. The reports said the advance contingent might involve basing personnel of the U.S. army's Delta Force in West Germany or Italy.

"As a general statement, we can say that we are continually seeking refinements and improvements in our variety of policy and operational approaches to countering terrorism, both military and non-military," Kalb told rep-

Karami announces plan

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Police said one civilian was killed and 17 wounded in the clashes along the green line and in the Shweifat and Kfrachima hills on the city's eastern flank.

The fighting tapered off after ceasefires were declared at daybreak by a committee representing the Lebanese army as well as PSP, Amal and the "Lebanese Forces" militias, police said.

Mr. Karami said he had agreed with Amal and the PSP to revive short-lived measures drawn up in Damascus last July after Amal-PSP battles last month which killed 68 people.

The members were designed to "restore normal life in west Beirut after clashes which inflicted pain on all citizens," Mr. Karami said.

U.S., U.K. sign accord

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opportunity for British industry and for British research capability to be associated with a major and exciting programme at the frontiers of human capabilities in many of the technologies of tomorrow.

Britain's enthusiasm for getting in on the ground floor of "Star Wars" research was not been matched by other U.S. allies.

West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl has promised a cabinet decision by Christmas.



Claude Heffler

Concert season continues with modern classics from Heffler

By Jean Claude Elias
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Continuing the series of concerts Amman has had the privilege to enjoy this season, French pianist Claude Heffler will give a recital on Sunday Dec. 8, 1985 at 8:00 p.m. at the Royal Cultural Centre. Organised by the French Cultural Centre, the event is also sponsored by the French Embassy in Jordan and the French-Jordanian Friendship Association.

Claude Heffler belongs to the rare kind of persons who have the gift and talent to be brilliant in more than one discipline. Born in 1922, he started to study the piano at the age of five. Later, during World War II, he was accepted at Ecole Polytechnique, one of the most famous and difficult schools of engineering in France and in the world. After his graduation, he decided that music should be his career. He has, since then, performed in numerous countries all over the world, in recitals and as soloist with conductors such as Pierre Boulez and Van Otterloo. He also participated in many music festivals, has played in the United States with the Chicago Orchestra and has given several performances in the USSR.

The discography and repertoire of Claude Heffler clearly show his preference for the music of the

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Claude Heffler enjoys an excellent relationship with many modern composers like German Karl Heinz Stockhausen and Greek Xenakis (Heffler and Xenakis were both born in 1922). Xenakis even wrote the Erikhion concerto especially for Heffler.

According to Marie Madeleine Mubadeen, a talented flautist and music teacher at the French Cultural Centre in Amman, who was at a concert given by Claude Heffler a few years ago in Europe: "...he plays with deep sincerity, and although his musical personality is very strong, he allows the musical expression to flow out of the composition itself and the piano. He is a musician of the highest standing."

Claude Heffler has been awarded the 'Grand Prix 1981' for his interpretation of French contemporary music.

Arab experts urge exchange of information

AMMAN (Petra) — A four-day meeting by Arab information experts concluded Thursday in Amman with a call for amending legislation in the Arab World to facilitate the exchange of information and data among Arab countries through traditional means or information networks.

Participants also called for giving priority to the use of computers, particularly for the purpose of improving procedures at government departments. The recommendations stressed the importance of drawing up bases and criteria for retaining the stored information and studying the possibility of classifying and standardising information at various administrative levels.

Discussions during the meetings focused on the rationalisation and application of information technology and communication networks, the exchange of information and data among Arab countries through traditional means or information networks.

Participants stressed the importance of organising the process of continuous training specialised technical cadres and educating administrative leaderships on how to utilise this technology. They also recommended that Arab countries establish the necessary organisational structure to ensure that information technology is used in an active manner and in conformity with the requirements of Arab development plans.

Among the other recommendations adopted by the conferees was the establishment of an Arab information network and national and pan Arab societies for documentation and information. They also urged Arab countries which have not yet established information networks to do so.

We need data about ourselves



Talking straight Marwan Muasher

ONE phenomenon that is becoming rather obvious in town is unemployment. There seems to be an increasingly large number of people without jobs, and the number of people applying for a vacant job anytime one is advertised is unusually large.

Several reasons are attributed to the present state of affairs. High among them are the economic slowdown in the region resulting in Jordanians working abroad coming back home, the limited Jordanian job market and the relatively large number of people graduating each year. Whatever the case, the economic pinch is being felt on a wide scale in the country.

One would assume that the Ministry of Labour is doing something about the matter. In fact, an article appeared lately in a local paper claiming that unemployment stands at 9 per cent of the labour force, and that the Ministry of Labour is not doing much about it, to which the ministry answered with a general rebuttal.

I wrote this introduction not so much to talk about unemployment as to use it as an example of the kind of data that is needed but not available in Jordan. One feels that unemployment is high, but there are no published periodic information on the rate of unemployment or other vital data.

In the absence of such information, whatever measures the ministry undertakes remain largely heuristic. For it does not have the necessary data to

enable it to pinpoint trouble areas and hence allow it to take the necessary corrective measures. All rebuttals by the ministry, therefore, while undoubtedly sincere, fail to address the real issue.

Other important data that both planners and the public need to know, but are either not found or not accurately and periodically published include, but are not limited to, the inflation rate, cost of living index, population figures, labour force, wages, and the poverty line.

There are several institutions in Jordan that collect information pertaining to their specific needs. The one agency officially entitled with gathering information on a national scale, however, is the department of statistics, which is incidentally one of the oldest public institutions in Jordan. Other important institutions possessing information include the Royal Scientific Society, the Ministry of Trade and Industry and the Civil Registration Department to name a few.

If we have several institutions able to collect and process vital pieces of information about the country, why is it that everyone, be it the

man in the street or the decision maker, feels we are living in an information vacuum? Why is it that we do not feel the impact of whatever information is already available?

There are three main elements that are vital for any information system to work efficiently. The first is to ensure proper input to the system. This means data has to be gathered efficiently, accurately and in a reasonable amount of time as not to render it obsolete. The second is to provide sound and scientific analysis of the data through a proper data processing subsystem. The third and vital element is to make sure that results are properly distributed and made known to people who need them.

Closely related to these three elements are the machinery and the human factor. And while we have areas in which both factors are lacking, I believe we have, or can obtain, both good hardware and well-trained people able of gathering, processing and disseminating information.

What is lacking, I believe, is not the equipment, people, or technical capabilities, but rather the most important ingredient of the formula: The system and proper attitude that can put all these elements to work.

Either the need has not been felt strongly enough for such information, or the will to see to it that we have such information is lacking. There is, of course, a third explanation: That some information is deliberately kept out from the public for various reasons.

I believe the government is keen on providing such information, and is well aware of the positive effects it will have on decision-making. If and when the day comes when we will have statistical figures about different walks of life in Jordan, this will necessarily mean a qualitative jump in our life style that will have deep and lasting implications on our culture and thought system.

Imagine, if you will, how tax laws would be changed if the government is better informed about such indices as the cost of living or the poverty line. Imagine how the government can take concrete and well-studied steps to ease unemployment if it has accurate information on the size and distribution of the problem. Carrying it further, imagine how differently our law-makers and parliamentarians might act on a

law like the one on education passed last year if there was published information saying, for example, that 70 per cent of the population was against such a law.

This latter point is an area where there are considerable shortcomings. I am talking about measuring public opinion. Decision-makers cannot always work in absence of knowledge about what the public wants. This factor has up till now been largely missing from the policy-making formula.

In an era correctly dubbed the information age, we are presently operating with a dangerously low level of inputs. As planners, we lack input data about the country necessary for sound decisions, and we lack data about public opinion necessary to feel citizens' needs. As citizens, we are still kept in the dark about whether policies and laws that are affecting our daily lives are effective or not.

Jordan has made several qualitative leaps in improving the quality of life for its citizens. With its present level of education and awareness, this information revolution is one leap we cannot afford to miss. There is no time more ripe for it than now.

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Thursday's

Al Ra'i: Strong determination

THE draft law of the 1986 national budget announced by the government on Wednesday is a translation of the King's letter of assignment to the government, and reflects the main ideas of the King's speech from the throne delivered to parliament earlier last month. The budget reflects the government's determination to go ahead with plans to provide the armed forces with the means of strength to maintain their defence of the Arab nation in general and Jordan in particular. It also demonstrates the government's resolution to make Jordan self-reliant and self-sufficient in all economic and social fields, and to bring about equitable and balanced improvements for all regions on fair basis. The budget plan can by no means serve as a magic wand intended to find solutions to all problems overnight, but it should rather be considered as a plan to enable Jordan to benefit from its limited resources as best as possible and achieve economic progress in the best possible manner. For this to happen, all citizens are required to pay tax and their dues, and strengthen the position of the treasury which finances projects.

Al Dustour: Deep appreciation

KING Hussein, in an emotional message to the Jordanian people on Wednesday evening, expressed his deep appreciation of the Jordanian family's affection exhibited during celebrations on his 50th birthday. He said he was grateful for the citizens' participation in the celebrations in an expression of their affection and loyalty to the monarch. The King said that the various forms of celebrations and the decorations and the aspects of joy and happiness displayed by all members of the Jordanian family touched him deeply, and reflected the unity that characterises this family behind their leader. The King pledged that he would pursue efforts all his life to serve his people and his nation, and to work in true and faithful commitment to the principles of the Great Arab Revolt, and to join his people's relentless endeavours for the freedom of Jerusalem, and the holy places to the occupied Arab territories.

Hong Kong debates future

By William Kazer
Reuter

HONG KONG — Hong Kong, usually shy about its politics, has broken with tradition and shown a new willingness to confront the most politically sensitive issue of all in the British colony — its future with China.

The shift, though not universally welcomed, has been most apparent in the legislative council and the press since a warning last month against rapid political change by China's senior representative in Hong Kong, Zu Jiatun.

"It was an attempt to interfere," said legislative council member Martin Lee about Xu's remark, which has been widely interpreted as a hint of displeasure at British moves to introduce a measure of democracy to Hong Kong.

Lee, who gained a seat in the

first elections to the lawmaking body, said: "Unless we have direct elections we will never have an effective and highly autonomous government to keep our system separate from the rest of China."

All council members had been appointed until the elections last September.

Xu had told his first press conference in more than two years that there had been deviations from the Sino-British accord which hands the colony to China in 1997 but allows a high degree of autonomy for 50 years.

Another new legislative council member, Szeto Wah, has also spoken out on the need for democratic changes before 1997.

"It was a pleasant jolt this weekend to see a couple of prominent Hong Kong citizens break the pattern and call a spade a spade," the Asian Wall Street Journal said in an editorial recently.

Local publications have been no less blunt.

In a reference to Peking's position at the Sino-British talks on the colony's future before the joint accord was initialled, the South China Morning Post said in an editorial:

"The question that many people are asking as a result of Mr. Xu's press conference is: What ever happened to the idea of Hong Kong people ruling Hong Kong?"

Cheng Ming, a respected Chinese-language monthly magazine, called Xu's remarks a challenge to Hong Kong, adding that it showed some powerful Chinese officials did not trust the people of the British colony.

"We cannot allow ourselves to be accused of deviating from the (Sino-British) accord," it said. Britain and China have tried to play down the dispute.

Albania fears for its youth

By David Storey
Reuter

VIENNA — Albania's Stalinist authorities are showing growing concern over alien influences filtering through the ideological screen around the tiny Balkan state and infecting the country's youth.

As more communications lines open up to Europe's most isolated country, the official media is reflecting fears that young people may find the slogans of Communism and nationalism less ruling than the undemanding rhythms of Western pop culture.

Since the death of Enver Hoxha last March after four decades of his orthodox Stalinist rule, his successor Ramiz Alia pledged to follow the same fiercely independent path spurning "revisionists" and "imperialists" of East and West.

But the leadership has made clear it is aware of the rivalry to its

authoritarian approach to youth from foreign radio, television, visitors and other contacts.

An article in the Communist Party daily Zeri i Popullit last month suggested youth were getting soft and "may be affected by alien influences."

These include Italian television, which many Albanians can receive by pointing their aerials west across the Adriatic Sea, and a whole range of short-wave radio stations broadcasting in Albanian and other languages.

Albania's links with the outside world are slowly increasing. This year two extra border crossings, opened to Greece and freight ferry traffic to Italy was expanded. Tourists are no longer a curiosity.

Next year, Albania's first rail link with the European network is scheduled to open through Yugoslavia and international telecommunications links will be expanded.

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A series of articles on youth in the party theoretical journal Rrugja e Partise warned: "We must realise that we face many foreign enemies."

The journal said: "They exert continuous ideological diversion by means of the airwaves, the post, commercials, tourists and other visitors. It is a fact that they manage to plant the poisonous seed among some immature young people."

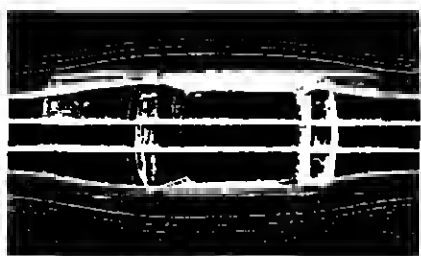
"Barely do we lower our iron guard and young people assume they can wear shoulder-length hair and tight pants," it added.

Fast-changing fashions in dress and music, an accepted aspect of life in Western Europe, have had little impact in Albania so far. Visitors say clothing is ultra-conservative and Albania's own style of traditional folk music dominates.

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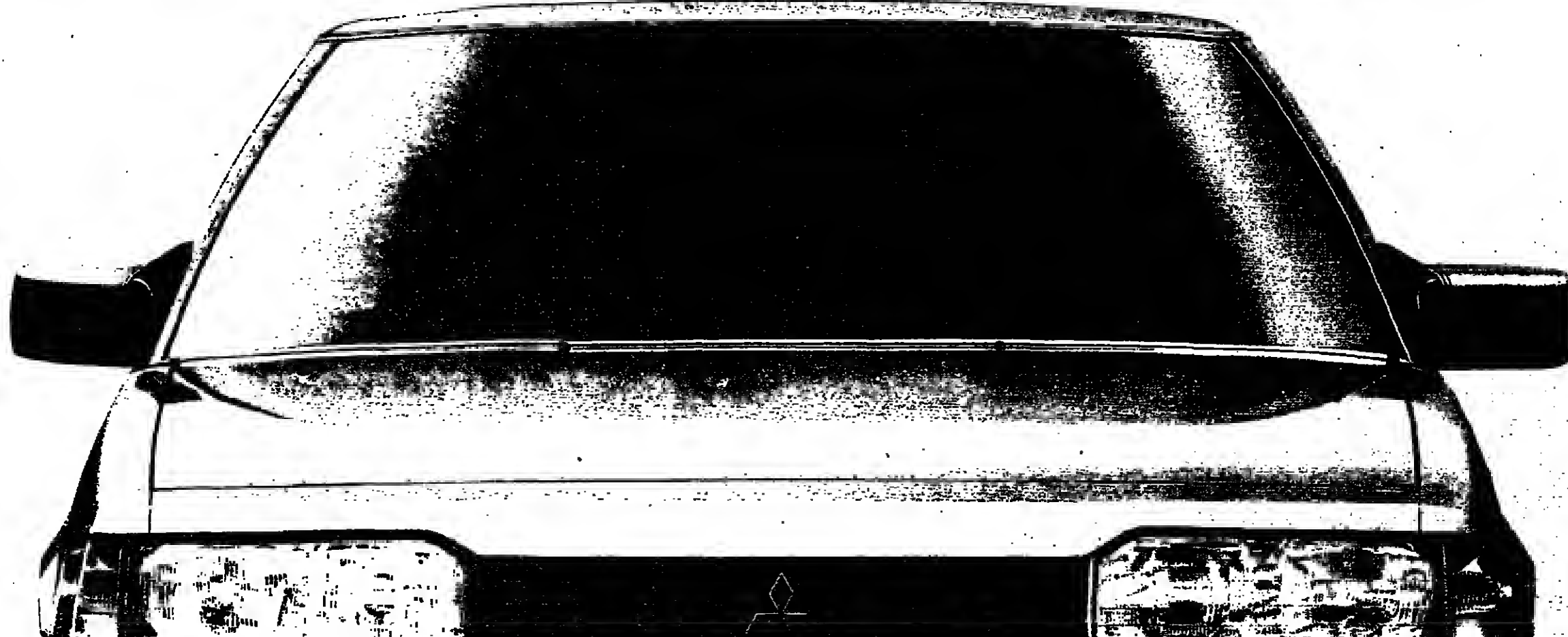
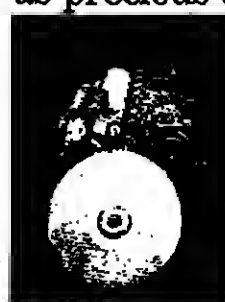


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Channel 6 preview

By J.H. Boteler

IN recognition of UNICEF's recently launched Christmas appeal, and prompted by certain recent items on Channel 6, this week's column is dedicated to Tom-Tom. Thea and all the little children everywhere in the world

Mini-series and Feature Films

This month's mini-series, screened tonight and tomorrow, is "Glass Babies," and is concerned with in-vitro fertilisation or, in simple layman terms, test-tube babies. Michael and Sally Craig are unable to have children. Michael's father John is the head of a multi-conglomerate corporation, who considers his son worthless and is obsessed with his desire for an heir to the family dynasty. Trading on the young couple's yearning for a child of their own, and aided and abetted by the unscrupulous company lawyer, he persuades them to undergo in-vitro fertilisation. However, due to unforeseen events and the greed and ruthlessness of the lawyer, events quickly turn to tragedy, which affects the lives and happiness of many, the innocent and the guilty alike. Even more than abortion, test-tube babies is one of the most controversial issues of modern times. It is a controversy that cuts across all strata of society, irrespective of religion, politics, or nationality. It is not for me to comment on the right or wrong, but I will say this: It is too emotive, too fundamental, too serious a subject to be trivialised and cheapened by being given the Dallas/Harold Robbins treatment. Judging by the highly colourful and lurid language of the publicity blurb that I have before me ("It is a story of love — and anguish. Of deceit — and blackmail. Of cruelty — and professional misconduct"), and the details of the plot, this is precisely what this production runs the danger of doing. Of course I may be guilty of prejudging. (The programme was devised by a lawyer and co-written by a doctor). Most probably it is well-acted and well-produced. I just hope that it is also sensitive and responsible.

Because of the mini-series there are only two feature films this week. Coincidentally they are both made-for-TV films. Tuesday's was made only last year, and is entitled, *Why Me?* It is a true story, and adapted from the

auto-biographical novel by Leola May Harmon, and tells how Leola, happily married and pregnant, has the lower half of her face, and her beauty, totally destroyed in a car crash. She loses her husband through his revulsion, and her baby through a miscarriage. The only person she can rely on is plastic surgeon Dr. Jim Stallings. Through forty operations over a period of two years, he works to restore not just her face, but her previous good looks as well. Thursday's offering, made in 1974, is called *Death Sentence*, and stars the marvellous Cloris Leachman as a woman juror in a murder trial who, halfway through the trial comes to the very unwelcome realisation that her own husband should be the man in the dock. A quandary to rank with the dock (or rather the worst). Before leaving the subject of films I feel that I must apologise for last week's abominable *Stepots And Son Ride Again*. I am not personally responsible, but it was an English effort, and if the theory of collective responsibility has any justification, then I can't in all honesty duck the issue. Crude, rude, obscene, crushingly unfunny, dreadfully repetitious, boring. It was all of these. The ultimate turn-off. (Literally: How many people actually bothered to continue watching it after the, for once, welcome intrusion of the eleven-o'clock News Headlines?) It was very early on that I had seen it before. Some things are so dreadful that, hard as one might try to forget them utterly, one's subconscious mind insists on retaining them, to shock one anew when least expecting it. Please don't judge *Stepots And Son* on this. The original TV series was very different proposition. Occasionally crude, yes, but to a purpose, and effectively so. Its humour was sharp, relevant, socially meaningful. Also please, whatever you do, don't judge English comedy films on this one example. Recall, if you will, (and if you can), such gems as "Kind Hearts And Coronets" and "The Lavender Hill Mob." Last week's film is light years distant from those, and should be buried forthwith in the deepest cess-pit, where it can wallow happily with its own kind. Hopefully all the children were in bed and so were spared it. There. Duty done, now to press on.

Comedies

Matthew Barton of *It's Your Move* may not be exactly the best example of the glorious days of carefree innocence, but I suppose he can be charitably classified as a loveable rogue. It is hard, but it is just possible. This week Mum and long-suffering Norman try to get away from it all with a weekend in the country, but young Matt is having none of it. Tom Chance, of Sunday's *Chance In A Million*, is still very much a child. His innocence, his gullibility, his irrepressible good-humour and generous nature all attest to this fact. This week a friend's wedding causes unbelievable problems and headaches but Tom, helped on by Alison and frequent top-ups from whatever alcoholic beverage happens to be at hand, will doubtless sort it all out to everyone's satisfaction. It comes as absolutely no surprise, (to me at any rate), that the first series of this programme picked up three PYE awards — a sort of TV Oscar — for the best female comedy role for television, the best male role, and the most promising new writer. Since we're on the subject, Supergran also collected an Emmy. (American PYE equivalent), the other day, so as you can see there is some pretty useful stuff knocking around on JTV at the moment. The habe-in-arms in *Three Up, Two Down* is blissfully unaware of the deep enmity and rancour existing between his grandparents. This week's episode is held-over from last week. In fact, this series has been absent from our screens for so long now that I dread to think of the condition of the dead snake that Sam put in the fridge last time we saw it. If it is still there curdled milk is the least of their worries. Also deferred from last week are the opening episode of *That's My Boy* on Tuesday, and *Three's Company* on Wednesday. Hopefully Emergency Room, (Thursday), will see a new instalment, in which a misunderstanding arises between Dr. Sheridan and the head nurse, and also in Sara on Friday where a friend of the lady in question has the highly laudable intention of giving up his job in order to spend more time with his own son.

Documentaries

Automania (tonight) has the optimistic title "Stuck In Gear," and takes a look at the growth of mass production: the tyranny of

the assembly line and the extent of our economic dependence on the motor car. Once again the prime instigator of the assembly line — the father figure of the button pushing generation of manual workers — was Henry Ford. A veteran of the English car industry of the 1920's and 1930's is Bill Hancock, who firmly believes that the endless strikes and general industrial unrest in this industry in England directly stems from the appalling working conditions of those days. Apparently management did not even provide chairs for the workers tea-breaks. Best selling novelist Arthur Haley explains in one of his books how you should, if possible, avoid buying a car that was made on cit-

her a Monday or a Friday, since those are the days of the week which suffer the highest rate of absenteeism. Now, of course, cars are built by robots, which I suppose at least shows that management have at last realised the true nature of the work involved. Sunday continues with *Way Of The Warrior* and, after last week's truly awesome fighting machines, examines Shinto Ryu — The Samurai Way. The original customs and way of life in 15th century Japan are still taught, as is the art of sword-making and sword-play. According to the publicity, the students spend their time "learning the iron discipline and self-control which enabled their predecessors to kill or die without regret when honour demanded it."

Children are not only highly inquisitive, they are also generally intuitively intelligent. Take young Master James Watt. One day, early in the 18th century, he was sitting in his mother's kitchen. He began to play with the kettle that was sitting on the hob and, hey presto, in no time at all he had invented the steam engine. This, apart from instigating the first industrial revolution, was also the latest in the long line of inventions and improvisations made by Europeans desperate to find some way of alleviating the horrible cold winters they had to endure. (And still do, for that matter). From the first stove and chimney, right up to solar heating, all this and more can be enjoyed in "Thunder In The Skies," Wednesday's episode of *Connections*.

Detectives and Drama

More from Mrs. Fletcher in *Murder She Wrote* on Monday, when a small rural village is up in arms over a plan to build a big tourist hotel there. Foundations are being dug, and a corpse is unearthed. Did he fall, or was he pushed? Find out in "Joshua Peabody Died Here." Poor old Angela has a very rough row to hoe, coming as she does straight after *Bergerac*. This week stalwart Jim learns the penalty to be paid for not heeding the advice of the younger generation. The son of a local eccentric millionaire warns Jim that his father is in danger of his life. Jim won't listen. Father is found dead in mysterious circumstances, and Jim is in hot water with his boss. *Magnum* swaggers tall again on Friday. Doing exactly what I'm not sure, but it will be hard pushed

to equal last week's wondrous events in "professor J. Higgins." That surpassed even my absurdly grandiose expectations. Wednesday of course has *Remington Steele*, in which a writer appears to have died from a heart attack, only he didn't. (He died alright, but not from that cause).

Drama is well served this week. To start with, there is *Secret Of The Black Dragon* on Tuesday. This simply gets, er, better and better. Nadja is still around; though she has lost her white dress and her floral head-piece, she has had the good fortune of not actually having to travel with the wandering band of German explorers. (I say German. Though I am intrigued how Roggenburg senior sounds as if he went to one of the better English public-schools whilst his son, Wolf, has obviously left the environs of Sandwich, Illinois for the very first time. Probably the results of a very liberal lifestyle).

Thursdays for the next three weeks are elevated to supreme heights by the screening of J.B. Priestley's classic play, *An Inspector Calls*. It boasts a superb cast: Bernard Hepton, Nigel Davenport, Margaret Tynack, and Simon Ward. The setting is an English Country house, shortly before the first world war. Wealthy, self-made industrialist Arthur Birling is hosting a family dinner party to celebrate the engagement of his daughter Sheila to Gerald Croft. Suddenly the telephone rings; it is the police: A young girl has just died in hospital after drinking hieach. An Inspector is coming round to ask some questions. When he arrives, Inspector Goole's questions are highly unsettling to all concerned. I won't spoil the plot for you, but I would like to point out that although the setting is 1912, the play was written in 1946, and it's moral message applies equally strongly to them as it does to 1912, or 1985, or 2001. As long as man persists in his selfishness and greed, then the future is bleak for generation as yet unborn. Finally, there is *Misling From Home*, on Friday. Naturally, I am ignorant of what happened last night, but no doubt it pointed up the major casualties of this sort of situation — the misery and confusion of the children. A very fine programme, with some marvellously realised characters, one example of which is the marriage guidance counsellor who is showing Alison how she herself helped to bring about her husband's desertion.

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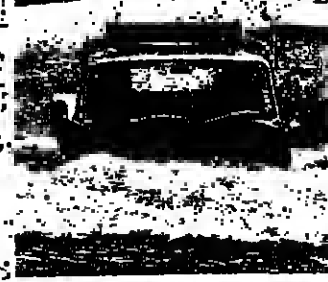
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Evert Lloyd, Navratilova vie for number 1 ranking

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Chris Evert Lloyd and Martina Navratilova will meet for the 67th time Saturday, this time to decide the women's singles champion of the \$1.5 million Australian Open Tennis Championship.

Both struggled through semifinal matches Thursday to earn a meeting that will also decide which of them is ranked no. 1 for the year.

Defending champion Evert Lloyd had to survive a set point against her in the second set of her 6-1, 7-6 triumph over fifth-seeded Claudia Kohde-Kilsch of West Germany, while no. 2 seed Navratilova edged home 6-7, 6-1, 6-4 in a thriller against third-seeded Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia.

Evert Lloyd, the top seed, trailed the powerful West German 5-6 in the tiebreaker and clearly hit a shot that appeared to be out, apparently giving the set to Kohde-Kilsch.

The ball was called in, however, and two points later the 30-year-old American had wrapped up the match.

Navratilova had to tell herself to

calm down after dropping the first set against Mandlikova, the player who beat her in the U.S. Open final in August.

The 29-year-old Czech-born lefthander then played superbly for the last two sets, using her power and anticipation to wear down Mandlikova.

Evert Lloyd kept alive a remarkable record by beating Kohde-Kilsch.

The Florida haseliner has now made the final each of the five times she has entered the Australian Open.

She has a 2-2 record in finals. Evert Lloyd will be playing in the 32nd Grand Slam singles final of her remarkable career Friday, while Navratilova will be playing in her 19th.

Navratilova, however, holds a big edge in her meetings with Evert Lloyd. Although her career advantage is only 34-32, she has

won nine of their 12 meetings in Grand Slam finals and 16 of their last 18 matches.

Many of their previous battles have been epic, and fine matches though both the semifinals were, the final, with so much at stake, promises to be one of their best.

"This tournament means a lot to both Martina and I," Evert Lloyd said. "I'm kind of aware about it deciding number one, but I've tried to put it to the back of my mind."

Said Navratilova, "This can pretty much decide it."

Evert Lloyd, playing very aggressively, led 6-1, 4-1 against Kohde-Kilsch before the lanky German rallied.

She forced the tiebreak playing with greater confidence and mobility, but was stunned by the controversial call — which was booed by the crowd.

Asked if she was robbed, Kohde-Kilsch said, "I think so, but you must live with that in tennis. What can you do?"

Evert Lloyd tried to play the incident down.

"It's unfortunate it happened at that point, but that's tennis," she said.

Rain delays men at Australian Open

MELBOURNE (R) — Mats Wilander's march towards a third successive Australian Open men's tennis title was delayed by rain Friday when he held a two-set semifinal lead over John McEnroe's conqueror, Slobodan Zivjovic of Yugoslavia.

The 21-year-old Swede led 7-5, 6-1, 0-1 when the match was halted by heavy rain which prevented a resumption even after a vain four-hour wait by players and officials.

The contest was held over along with the other semifinal between world number one Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia and fifth-seeded Stefan Edberg of Sweden.

Wilander and Zivjovic will begin Saturday's centre court pro-

gramme, with Martina Navratilova meeting Chris Evert Lloyd in the women's final before the Lendl-Edberg clash.

The men's final is still set for Sunday but officials are worried by a forecast calling for more rain during the weekend.

Lendl, meanwhile, joined McEnroe on the automatically suspended list for a \$1,000 fine imposed for wearing an oversized advertising logo on his shirt.

Wilander appeared to be unhindered by an elbow injury to his right arm as he broke Zivjovic's serve in the 12th game to take the opening set and then three more times in the second set.

The big Yugoslav was unable to find the form which earned him a

five-set triumph over McEnroe in Wednesday's quarter-finals. He failed to hold his serve in the second set, winning his only game on a break of Wilander and he lacked depth on his volleys.

Wilander wore a brace on his elbow to reduce the strain but that did not stop him from producing 11 aces, one of which brought him the second set.

When rain began in the first game of the third set, Zivjovic complained about having to serve out the game. He repeatedly threw his racket to the ground after points and asked referee Peter Bellenberg to call a halt.

"You want me to break a leg or something?" he called at one stage.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Hajri wins 1985 rally championship

DUBAI (R) — Dubai's Mohammad Bin Sulayem won the Dubai International Rally Friday and a third place finish by Jatar's Saeed Al Hajri gave him the 1985 Middle East Championship. Driving a Toyota Celica Turbo, Sulayem finished the 853-kilometre course in three hours 11 minutes, 34 seconds, followed by Michel Salah of Kuwait in an Open Manta with three hours 22 minutes 20 seconds. Hajri's time of three hours 28 minutes, 14 seconds in a Porsche 911 gave him the 18 points needed to win the championship, six points ahead of his nearest rival, Sulayem. In fourth and fifth places Friday were Paul Connolly, a British resident of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), and Mohammad Sweidan of the UAE, respectively.

Kasparov-Karpov rematch scheduled

LUCERNE, Switzerland (R) — The new world chess champion Garry Kasparov will play a rematch against ex-champion Anatoly Karpov starting in February, the World Chess Federation (FIDE) said Friday. Karpov, who lost his title in a dramatic 24-game contest with Kasparov last month, issued the challenge, the statement said. Bids to host the match must be received by Dec. 16. Kasparov won the title in Moscow.

World Cup officials arrive in Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The organising committee of the World Soccer Cup will decide next Wednesday the manner for the draw of the 24 teams that will play in next year's tournament, the vice president of the International Federation of Football Association says. Herman Neuburger of West Germany, who arrived Thursday night in Mexico City, said members of the organising committee will inspect on Monday and Tuesday the 12 stadiums where the matches will be held.

Villa's new man faces old pal

LONDON (R) — Paul Elliott, Aston Villa's \$592,000 buy from Luton, faces an unenviable double task when he makes his debut Saturday.

Not only is the match against in-form Liverpool, who are pressing Manchester United for the English first division's top spot, but he will also have the job of marking his best pal Paul Walsh, currently one of the division's most lethal marksmen.

The soccer careers of Elliott and Walsh have run a parallel course since they were apprentices at Charlton.

Both played for England at youth level while with the London club and they teamed up again at Luton. It was with Luton that they

established themselves as regulars in the England under-21 side and Walsh went on to win five full caps.

A broken leg cost Elliott his place in the Luton side, and with little prospect of ousting his replacement Steve Foster from the centre half spot Elliott opted for a move to Villa.

"Paul and I have been great pals since we were lads together at Charlton," Elliott said Friday.

"He is a top-class player who keeps defenders on their toes for 90 minutes."

"He took a while to settle at Liverpool, but now he is scoring goals again. I reckon he's as good as any of the current England strikers."

Elliott is certain to have his work cut out keeping Walsh, scorer of nine goals in his last 11 games, on a tight rein at Anfield.

Villa captain Allan Evans is doubtful with a twisted ankle so Dean Glover is standing by to partner Elliott in the centre of the defence.

Jahangir — the quiet butcher

By Ashraf Fouad Reuter

CAIRO — Jahangir Khan, the quiet king of squash with the butcher's touch, reigns supreme with a simple philosophy.

Total concentration on court and "oo hanky panky" off it point the way to glory for the Pakistani who won a record fifth consecutive world title here and is unbeaten since April 1981.

Jahangir, who celebrates his 22nd birthday during the Muscat Open starting on Sunday, enjoys not only seemingly invincible form but the respect and admiration of his victims.

His regular opponent, world number two Ross Norman of New Zealand, has lost to Jahangir three times in the past four weeks — and says he enjoys playing him.

"He is the fittest player and he's fast. He's naturally fit and puts in a lot of training. I enjoy playing him. It's very good experience," Norman told Reuters.

Jahangir's style was summed up by a Pakistani team official who said: "Jahangir is like a butcher. He cleans the fat off the mutton first, then cuts it into pieces."

Jahangir trains for three hours on court every day and spends two

more hours in the gym and jogging. He also leads a quiet life as the demands of the international circuit permit. "To become a disciplined player means no hanky panky," he said.

He became engaged four months ago to a Pakistani girl and plans to marry her in 1987. "Right now I'm busy with squash," he says, adding that he will still be on the circuit after getting married.

'Jahangir is like a butcher. He cleans the fat off the mutton first, then cuts it into pieces.'

Jahangir's cousin and trainer, Rahmat Khan, says the death of the champion's brother Thorsam on court of a heart attack in 1978 is one reason for Jahangir's determination to win.

He starts his matches with long rallies in the first game, keeping his opponent on his toes and wearing him down. He plays short second and third games, dictating a fast pace the other man cannot maintain.

"He starts very well and wins

quickly. He gives you no time to attack. I just try to stay in the rally," said Australian Glen Brannby, who was fourth in the World Open.

Jahangir says he is happy at the top. "Champion is a hard position and many players want to take it. I love being the champion."

Unlike most players, Jahangir stays silent on court and does not get into arguments with the referee. When he wants a let ball he just raises his hand and, if it is not awarded, he just gives the referee half a smile.

Jahangir said talking on court distracts him, and the fuss some players create ruins the concentration which is vital to his game. His approach to a match is single-minded: "100 per cent concentration. Before the game I don't talk to anyone, just my trainer," he said.

Financially, Jahangir says he is making "good enough money to live well" from tournament earnings, endorsing a line of sportswear and a racket company he owns.

The quiet, gentlemanly Pakistani whose name means "conqueror of the world" seems set to enjoy a continuing reign of supremacy.

Juventus may lose ground Sunday

LONDON (R) — Juventus will find their healthy lead in the first division has been cut when they return to Italy next week.

But damage to the Turin side's title chances may be limited this Sunday as their four closest rivals play each other in games which could end in hard-fought draws.

Juventus, who beat Liverpool in last May's ill-fated European Cup final, play Argentinos Juniors in Tokyo for the World Club Championship Sunday, and their game against Sampdoria has been postponed until Dec. 31.

Second-placed Napoli, still without the suspended Diego Maradona, could shave Juventus' lead to three points by beating Milan at home in the top match of the day.

Milan, one point behind Napoli in fourth place, may be without striker Pietro Paolo Virdis, labouring under a recurrent thigh strain, but captain Giuseppe Baresi is expected to have recovered in time to play.

Third-placed Internazionale, at home to fifth-placed Torino, expected to be able to call on Karl-Heinz Rummenigge and possibly Marco Tardelli who have both been injured.

Werder Bremen, who opened up a three-point lead in the West German title race at the halfway stage last weekend, should have little trouble against Schalke, who are struggling in the lower reaches of the table.

Werder are still without injured striker Rudi Voeller but experienced new signing Manfred Burgsmueller, who has scored three times in three games, is a more than able deputy.

Nearest rivals Borussia Mönchengladbach hope to continue their goal rampage against Stuttgart.

In their last two games Borussia have beaten Real Madrid 5-1 in the UEFA Cup and Bayern Munich 4-2 in the league.

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All tenders must be accompanied by a tender bond of 5% of the bid value. The sealed tenders must be handed over to the chief clerk of ARC's office at Ma'an on or before 12.00 clock on 24th February 1986.

Mardi Qatamin,
Director General.

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1. The Government of Jordan has received a loan from the World Bank in various currencies towards the cost of the First Urban Development Project (UDP) and it is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payment under the contract for the project is being administered by the Urban Development Department of Amman Municipality (UDD).
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Telex No. 22249 UDD JO
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LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Friday.

One sterling	1.4760/70	U.S. dollars
One U.S. dollar	1.3965/70	Canadian dollars
	2.5235/45	West German marks
	2.8400/10	Dutch guilders
	2.1032/47	Swiss francs
	51.31/36	Belgian francs
	7.6975/7025	French francs
	1722/1723	Italian lire
	203.33/43	Japanese yen
	7.6695/745	Swedish crowns
	7.6090/140	Norwegian crowns
	9.1440/90	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	322.35/322.75	U.S. dollars

LONDON (R) — Shares were mixed at the close but dealers noted modest buying interest for the next account which begins on Monday. At 1530 GMT the FTSE 100 index was 3.7 up at 1,399.0.

• Allied-Lyons ended 8p lower at 270 after the bid from Elders-DXL was referred to the Monopolies Commission. Elders finished 5p down at 135.

• Beecham gained 21p to 341 on takeover rumours with Unilever mentioned as a possible candidate, dealers said. ICI was 4p off at 707. Banks held steady while insurances and golds were easier. Government bonds showed net falls of 1/16 point.

• BASS advanced 28p to 682 on institutional demand after results on Thursday. Other breweries were narrowly mixed.

• Plessey closed 10p higher at 182 and GEC was 2p up at 174 awaiting further developments on the bid situation. Laura Ashley ended 5p higher at 195 after its debut on Thursday.

• Thomson T-Line was 38p higher at 85 after Diamond Ltd. conditionally agreed to acquire a 61.5 per cent stake in the company at 50p per share. Granada was 12p up at 226 on bid speculation, dealers said. First Castle was 34p up at 146 after Morgan Crucible's bid of 145p per share, which was later rejected.

FORECAST FOR SATURDAY, DEC. 7, 1945

FORECAST FOR SATURDAY, DEC. 7, 1965
GENERAL TENDENCIES: A good Saturday morning to sleep as late as possible since a tiresome planetary aspect is in operation, but later you find you can get together with others and have fun.
ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Morning is not good for making appointments, but later is fine for seeing important persons. Go to bed early.
TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Rest in the morning, and then get into weekend duties after lunch. Pay attention to your health.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) The morning is rather slow about arranging recreation, but later all goes smoothly for you.
MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Get your home nicely organized and then you can entertain there tonight in style. Be cheerful.
LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Running errands and communications are somewhat difficult in the morning, but later you can speed up nicely.
VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Do those small duties that make your home look more charming and clean and tonight you can handle business with others.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Polish up that errand early and tonight you can hit on the right plan to make the future brighter.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) The morning starts slowly, and then after lunch all speeds up and you gain your aims. Plan recreation for the evening.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Cultivating new friendships is wise today. Get old friends to introduce you to worthwhile persons, and then entertain them.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Plan what can be done to improve your position in the community in which you live.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Improve the conditions you want in your living and go after them from a new angle. Be with persons who are different.
PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) If your mate is in a bad mood, keep quiet in the morning; everything will change after lunch. Drive with care.
IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he or she will understand the wishes of others and will always want to cooperate intelligently with all. Teach early to try to rely as much on self as possible so as not to ask too many favors. One who will labor with precision and neatness. Send to the nicest schools.

LONDON (R) — Delegates to the insolvent International Tin Council (ITC) told reporters Thursday that talks with creditor banks and brokers aimed at ending the six-week-old world tin crisis had started to make some headway.

Brokers of the London Metal Exchange (LME), the world's main tin trading centre, echoed delegates' hopes of progress. Brokers and many banks have millions of dollars tied up in the industry.

The ITC has been in emergency session since Monday seeking a solution to the crisis, sparked by its debts of £1 billion (\$1.48 billion). The crisis has been heavily fuelled by the trading and shakedown metals dealers and tin-mining companies around the world.

Mr. Bruce Leeming of the Rudolf Wolff Group said after LME representatives met the ITC Thursday that a joint LME-ITC working party may be set up by this week.

But the ITC said it would continue its session on Tuesday and decide then whether to set up an ITC-LME working party.

At talks with the ITC earlier, a group of 16 creditor banks owed \$352 million (\$520 million) rejected a "burden sharing" scheme between brokers and bankers.

Such a scheme is favoured by most ITC members, excluding Britain, and reflects the way that the banks' debts arguing that LME traders and banks should commit themselves to a rescue deal.

The banks have offered a new \$900 million (\$1.3 billion) refinancing loan but only if the ITC's 22 member countries will guarantee their debts.

BRUSSELS (R) — A new four-year trade agreement restricting for semi-finished steels, used by steelmakers for further pro-

BRUSSELS (R) — A new four-year trade agreement restricting European Community (EC) steel exports to the United States is to go ahead after Britain Thursday lifted an objection that threatened to block it, diplomats said.

The U.S. authorities had already started imposing reprisals on EC steel exporters to protest against delays in finalising the draft agreement which will limit Community steel shipments to the United States until 1989.

Britain had been holding up ratification of the draft, whose publication on Nov. 1 was hailed then by EC negotiators as keeping the peace on a subject that has thrown up innumerable trade disputes between the two sides.

British officials said the state-owned British Steel Corporation was satisfied with the outcome of last-minute talks with the Americans aimed at safeguarding future supplies of semi-finished steel to its U.S. subsidiary, the Tuscaloosa Steel Company.

The Nov. 1 draft accord set steel export quotas from the EC to the United States for most types of steel but provided no such limits for semi-finished steels, used by steelmakers for further production.

However, the U.S. government announced that it would limit EC shipments of semi-finished goods to 400,000 tonnes next year, a figure it later increased to 600,000 tonnes under EC pressure.

Britain had sought extra ton-nages for the Tuscaloosa plant and wanted assurances about access to the U.S. market for semi-finished steels after 1986.

"We do not have final details about the discussions, but we know British Steel is satisfied with the outcome," one British official said.

Total EC steel sales to the U.S. are worth about \$2.5 billion a year.

U.S. steel importers had complained about the impact of a deliberate slowdown in U.S. customs processing of EC steel shipments.

The slowdown was a U.S. administrative counter-measure introduced to protest at delays in signing the new trade pact, agreed to replace a 1982 agreement expiring at the end of this month.

ANKARA (R) — A package of changes in tax legislation aimed at boosting budget revenues was passed by the Turkish parliament Thursday.

Officials said the government-proposed amendments increase rates of corporate, oil and some other taxes and duties, while cutting income tax for lower income groups to offset the effects of inflation. The government plans to raise tax revenues to 5,800 billion liras (\$10.36 billion) in 1986 from 3,600 billion liras (\$6.43 billion) this year.

This year's budget deficit is forecast by government officials to be around 500 billion liras (\$896 million) and by independent economists to be around 600 billion liras (\$1.79 trillion).

Next year's budget incorporates a deficit of 502 billion liras (\$896 million).

GENEVA (R) — Iraq Thursday threw OPEC's oil output agreement into disarray, saying it no longer recognised its official quota and was producing as much as it liked.

Iraqi Oil Minister Qassem Ahmad Taqi, here for the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) conference beginning on Saturday, was asked by reporters whether he would renew the demand he made at the last meeting in October for a higher quota.

has nothing in October for lifting her quota.

"What for?" he replied. "We are producing what we can produce. We have no quota."

His remarks seemed certain to infuriate Iran, Iraq's enemy in the Gulf war, which has vowed to match or exceed any increase in production by its adversary.

Iraq's current OPEC quota is 1.2 million barrels per day (b/d), but it has recently been producing 1.6 million and in October sought an increase to at least two million b/d.

The issue was then deferred until this conference, but earlier Thursday two other OPEC states, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, said they wanted higher

Libyan Minister Fawzi Sharishkhou has also said his country's aim is to defend the status quo.

Individual countries' outputs are looming as the most contentious issue at the upcoming meeting, which is likely to involve any changes in crude oil prices.

For once, the OPEC ministers are meeting at a time when world spot market prices are around OPEC's official level of \$28 per barrel for Saudi light crude.

High winter demand and restocking by the oil companies have pushed prices up, although a sudden drop last week in the spot price for North Sea oil has shown how fragile the market is.

Most observers believe the min-

isters, able for the moment to sell their oil without heavy price discounting, will come to few decisions here.

They are likely to call a further meeting, perhaps as early as February, when the seasonal fall in demand with the approach of northern spring will present them with their now perennial problems of sagging prices and overproduction.

Nigerian minister sees modest fall in prices

Earlier, Nigerian Oil Minister Tam David-West said in a newspaper interview published Thursday.

spade interview published this
Friday that he expects a fall in oil
prices to between \$20 and \$25 a
barrel, but sees no price war loom-
ing.

Speaking to the Saudi Arabian
daily Arab News from Lagos, Dr.
David-West said: "The market is
very strong now ... but this will be
for a short time. At the end of the
good season prices will fall but I do
not expect them to fall to \$10 or
\$15".

"I expect prices to go down on

KUWAIT (R) — Kuwait has unveiled an emergency "safety net" to help its banks through a multi-billion dollar debt crisis caused by a stock market crash in 1982.

Finance Minister Jassem Al Khorafi disclosed in a report sent to the elected national assembly last week that unspecified funds had been mobilised to help banks reschedule a welter of suspect customer loans.

The action overlaps a move to call in world bank experts to help revive the struggling oil-dependent economy.

Banking sources say it could face opposition in the assembly, which has criticised spending of public money to resolve the debt crisis.

In letters written by Central Bank Governor Abdul Wahab Al Tammar mid-year and published in newspapers, Sheikh Khorafi agreed in essence to a 500-million-dinar (\$1.7 billion) state "safety net" for the banks.

Sheikh Tammar, thanking Sbe-

The crisis erupted when stock markets collapsed after a speculative spree which left debts of \$95 billion.

The state watered down much of this but sliding prices of shares and real estate slashed the value of many debtors' assets and exposed banks to substantial bad or doubtful debts.

Sheikh Khorafi said recently the banks had outstanding loans of 4.4 billion dinars (\$15.3 billion) as of last March, and two-thirds of this was not secured against assets.

Last September, newspapers reported 48,000 small investors hit by the share crash had drawn up a petition for urgent help, saying they were threatened with bankruptcy.

The petition, sent to the government and national assembly, said: "Even if (the investors) paid

control over government deposits to be used when needed in the support programme, but gave no details of how this would work.

The chamber of commerce and industry advocated that banks should have access to these deposits at low interest for the 7-10 year period over which debts should be rescheduled.

To prevent local panic or bar-mal rumours abroad about the health of Kuwaiti financial institutions, it also urged the government to decree a state guarantee backing all deposits, borrowings and other bank obligations for at least 10 years.

The state has already spent billions of dollars trying to resolve the crisis and banking sources said Sheikh Khorafi would be walking a tightrope in trying to guide it through the assembly.

broad guidelines had been drawn up to promote what he called just settlements by the banks, according to the varying nature of debtors' problems.

"This means we will sit down in the Arab tradition and haggle with customers over (rescheduling) terms. Some will get better (terms) than others," said one local banker.

Indicating his backing for a carrot-and-stick approach, Sheikh Khorafi also said the banks should resort to the legal process if debtors failed to reach amicable settlements.

The Arab Times, in an editorial, said it was impossible to please everyone and suggested a backlash was inevitable.

"May God help you, Sheikh Khorafi, in the very dangerous situation you are facing," it said.

SINGAPORE (R) — The Singapore and Kuala Lumpur stock markets Friday made a partial recovery after a record three-day suspension (KLSE) reopened trading after a record three-day suspension.

recovery but remained nervous with big investors keeping well clear of the battered trading floors.

The mild rally was in marked contrast with a wave of panic selling Thursday when the Stock Exchange of Singapore (SES) and the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange

Brokers said the general tendency still was to sell and warned that prices could fall sharply again after the weekend when broking houses and banks were expected to demand hefty increases in commission rates.

SES and KLSSE suspended trading last Monday after Pan-

group, was put into receivership with debts totalling 390 million Singapore dollars (\$195 million).

The Straits Times industrial index, which fell 83 points Thursday, wiping out hundreds of millions of dollars of gains, rose 21.68 points to 631.22 in active trading Friday.

Some broking houses Friday agreed to allow buyers a three-day grace period, but insisted that sellers must deliver shares within 24 hours. In line with a rule imposed by such exchanges before reopening.

Brokers said this had helped prevent a runaway market.

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Jumbles: KANCK BUCCI ABANCA YUIRPT

Answer: What a chip on the shoulder usually is—
JUST PLAIN "BARK"

Aquino secures Laurel's support for presidency

MANILA (R) — Former Senator Salvador Laurel has agreed to take the vice-presidential slot on a ticket headed by Corazon Aquino in elections expected in February, informed political sources said Friday.

But they said President Ferdinand Marcos had "at least two cards up his sleeve" that could prevent the widow of opposition leader Benigno Aquino winning or even being a candidate.

Mr. Laurel aides would not or could not confirm his decision. They said he had gone to his home province in Batangas, south of Manila, and would return for a joint press conference on Sunday at which he and "Cory" Aquino were expected formally to announce they would be on a joint ticket.

"From what people say I think it is clear Cory will be at the head of the ticket," other well-placed sources said.

However, they said Mr. Marcos would be able to "stop her campaign in its tracks on technical constitutional terms."

The sources, who declined to be identified, pointed to a section of the constitution adopted in 1973 while Mr. Marcos ruled under martial law which states that a candidate for president must have been a resident of the Philippines "for at least 10 years immediately prior to the election."

The Aquinos went to the United States in 1980 when the former senator was released from military detention to undergo heart surgery. He did not return until August 1983, when he was shot dead at Manila airport. His

wife returned a few days later. A court on Monday cleared 25 soldiers and a civilian of involvement in his murder. Most prominent among them was Gen. Fabian Ver, who was immediately reinstated by Mr. Marcos as armed forces chief of staff.

The sources said the whole election also could be voided by the supreme court, which on Monday has scheduled hearings of petitions challenging the constitutionality of the special election bill.

Mr. Marcos, 68, has been in power for 20 years, more than eight of them under martial law. His present six-year term officially expires in June 1987.

Sources said Mr. Laurel had apparently agreed to step down a peg in favour of Mrs. Aquino on the election ticket in order to prevent a more serious split in opposition ranks.

Two or three others are also jockeying for nomination on an anti-Marcos ticket. An Aquino-Laurel slate is seen as the most troubling for Mr. Marcos but rivals could also challenge "Cory's" qualification as a candidate.

Sen. Aquino's 52-year-old widow has considerable popular support, much of it fuelled by the emotion attached to her husband's murder, which in turn could be reinforced by the court verdict this week.

Her apparent personal integrity is seen as a tremendous plus compared with the patronage politics that have dominated the Philippine scene since independence in 1946.

Mr. Laurel, on the other hand, is mistrusted by many voters and other politicians, largely because of past family associations with Mr. Marcos.

He had been a member of the ruling New Society Movement (KBL) in the National Assembly until 1980 and the Laurels backed Mr. Marcos' nomination for the presidency in 1965.

The Laurel and Aquino families have close political ties. Relations between "Cory" and "Doy" Laurel have always been friendly and correct, especially since Sen. Aquino's murder.

But during the past few weeks, as the presidential rivalry intensified, tensions between their respective camps became apparent, expressed largely in an exchange of charges that Cory was politically inept and naive or that Laurel was blinded by political ambition.

Several lawyers burned their diplomas outside the supreme court Friday to protest at the verdict clearing the Philippine military of involvement in the murder of Sen. Aquino.

They said they were angry at what they called the subservience of the courts to Mr. Marcos. "Our diplomas have become meaningless because the courts no longer uphold the rule of law but that of one man," said Lupino Lazaro, lawyer for the family of Rolando Galman.

Regan denies forcing McFarlane to resign

WASHINGTON (R) — White House Chief of Staff Donald Regan denied that he forced National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane and forced him to resign, the Washington Post reported Friday.

Mr. McFarlane, 48, stepped down on Wednesday after two years as President Reagan's top foreign policy aide amid widespread reports he was a casualty of a clash with Mr. Regan.

But in an interview with the Post, Mr. Regan denied he had forced Mr. McFarlane out of the White House.

"As far as I know and as far as I'm concerned, there was no conflict between Bud (McFarlane) and me which should have led to his leaving," Mr. Regan told the newspaper.

Mr. McFarlane and Mr. Regan have also denied there was bad blood between McFarlane and Regan.

McFarlane, who said he wanted to spend more time with his family after 30 years in government service, was replaced by his deputy, John Poindexter.

Poindexter, a U.S. Navy vice admiral, settled in Thursday as the fourth national security adviser in the Reagan presidency.

The bespectacled, hefty-built naval officer, 49, who had been McFarlane's deputy since October 1983, was named by Mr. Regan Wednesday to the powerful, high-pressure and often controversial post as the president's key foreign policy aide.

As national security adviser, he will counsel the president on major foreign affairs and arms control issues.

Mr. Regan praised Mr. McFarlane specifically for playing a key role in preparations for his Geneva summit last month with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

Ironically, White House sources said it was during the summit preparations that Mr. McFarlane felt his differences with Mr. Regan had reached an unbearable level.

Mr. McFarlane, a soft-spoken former Marine and Vietnam combat veteran, was said to resent meddling by Mr. Regan, also a former Marine, in foreign policy areas in which he had no expertise.

Although little is known of Adm. Poindexter outside the White House, he brings some impressive experience and academic prowess to his new job.

He graduated first in his class from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1958 and did post-graduate work in physics at the California Institute of Technology. He is also a weapons system specialist.

Adm. Poindexter was credited with coordinating the October interception by U.S. warplanes of an Egyptian airliner carrying the alleged hijackers of the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro.

Meanwhile, U.S. Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger said Wednesday he understood the reasons which led to the resignation of Mr. McFarlane and regretted his departure.

A spokesman for Mr. Weinberger, who is visiting West Germany, told Reuters that the defense secretary had sent a letter to Mr. McFarlane after learning of his decision to resign.

Soviets reportedly use spying to close technology gap with U.S.

LONDON (AP) — The Soviets have closed their technology gap with the United States by using stolen American secrets, the authoritative reference book Jane's All the World's Aircraft said Thursday in its latest edition.

The British book, studied by military experts worldwide, says the Soviets' most modern fighter jet, the Sukhoi SU-27, and another "new generation" fighter, the MiG-29, use sophisticated fire-control radar technology developed from designs for the American F-18 and stolen by Soviet spies.

The 1986 edition of Jane's publishes pictures of the SU-27 for the first time and says Soviet authorities, in an unusual move, have shown the jet on television. The Mach-2.3 twin-engine jet is touted as the Soviets' answer to the American F-15 Eagle.

The book's editor, John W.R. Taylor, told the Associated Press in a telephone interview that he believes Moscow used the TV showing to signal the West that it is not so secretive as in the past.

Writing in the foreword to the

976-page volume, Taylor said: "There was a time when the most advanced Soviet aircraft trailed far behind their Western counterparts. A glance through the Soviet section of this edition of Jane's will show how much the technology gap has narrowed."

Taylor writes that the SU-27s "reflect the high cost to the West of U.S. technology transfers to less-than-reliable friends, and of the shady activities that the press describes as spy scandals."

Quoting from a September-1985 U.S. government document entitled "Soviet Acquisition of Militarily Significant Western Technology: An Update," he writes about the fire-control radars on the SU-27 and the MiG-29:

"The Soviets estimate that by using documentation on the U.S. F-18 fighter their aviation and radar industries saved some five years of development time and 35 million rubles (about \$55 million in 1980) in project manpower and other developmental cost."

"The manpower portion of these savings probably represents

over a thousand man-years of scientific research effort and one of the most successful individual exploitations ever of Western technology."

"The documentation of the F-18 fire-control radar served as the technical basis for new lookdown-shootdown engagement radars for the latest generation of Soviet fighters."

"Moreover, F-18 and F-14 documentation served as the impetus for two long-term research projects to design from scratch a new radar-guided air-to-air missile system. The documentation also was instrumental in formulating concrete specifications to develop new Soviet airborne radar counter-measures equipment against the F-18 and F-14."

Taylor did not give details of how the Soviets allegedly acquired the American information except for "spy scandals" and "less-than-reliable friends." But he told the Associated Press that Soviet espionage "loads the dice heavily against the West."

U.K. partners regret UNESCO pullout

PARIS (R) — Britain's decision to quit UNESCO has struck a blow at the sick man of the U.N. system and dismayed other leading Western contributor nations of the troubled agency.

Britain said Thursday it was withdrawing from UNESCO at the end of the year, accusing the Paris-based agency of defying demands for deep reform, political bias against the West and bad management.

Still reeling from the loss of a quarter of its budget, because of the U.S. walkout last December, Western diplomats said the loss of Britain's 4.6 per cent budget contribution would add to the agency's financial troubles.

Its international prestige would also suffer as well as putting further strain on the morale of the 2,000 Paris staff, who face about 600 job cuts in the new year, they added.

But France's delegate to the United Nations cultural body said the loss was more than a mere financial problem. It was "historically and symbolically distressing," because Britain had been a founder-member of the agency 40 years ago and was still the depository of its constitution.

The move brought expressions of understanding from the Reagan administration in Washington, who agreed with Britain that a Western drive for reform over the past two years had failed to bring sufficient change.

West Germany and France, two of Britain's senior European Community partners, disagreed, saying there are clear signs of progress in reforming the troubled agency.

West Germany, along with Japan and The Netherlands, had threatened earlier this year to review its membership.

But a Foreign Ministry spokesman in Bonn said his country had been encouraged to remain a member by decisions at a general conference in Sofia last month that showed a willingness to achieve reforms.

"Those decisions can only be put into practice from within," he said.

Expressing his regrets, UNESCO's Senegalese Director-General Amadou Mahtar M'Bow, whose management has been the

butt of much Western criticism, stressed that Britain had been a party to the consensus at Sofia.

"Many British parliamentarians, educationists, scientists, scholars and artists as well as organisations have reaffirmed their faith in UNESCO's goals and activities. UNESCO will continue to cooperate with those communities," he said.

Some Western diplomats said Britain's departure was "a slap in the face" for the controversial M'Bow and had reduced his chances of standing for re-election for a third term in 1987.

But they said that other Western nations were unlikely to quickly join the U.S. and British walkout because of the success of the Sofia conference.

The meeting, they said, had been seen as a turning point because Third World and East Bloc nations had demonstrated a willingness to listen to the West and begin to set the agency in order.

The next year of coping with a 30 per cent budget shortfall and assessing whether Mr. M'Bow's team put into practice the commitments that emerged in Sofia would determine whether UNESCO survived.

The London Daily Mail, a staunch supporter of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, said her Conservative government's move announced Thursday was "so abundantly justified that it is amazing that anyone here should oppose it."

But another London newspaper, the Guardian, condemned the British move as "sad and petty."

The withdrawals by the United States and Britain, plus Singapore by the end of the year, will leave 158 member states.

The long-expected British announcement was made in the House of Commons by Overseas Development Minister Timothy Raison and was met by approval from some legislators.

But George Foulkes, speaking for the Socialist opposition Labour Party, said the government move was "another pathetic capitulation to U.S. pressure."

Mr. Foulkes said Mr. Raison's announcement was a "kick in the teeth for the Third World."

The Soviet News Agency TASS

commented: "The step by Margaret Thatcher's government graphically attests yet one more time to the fact that official London obediently follows in Washington's wake..."

The Daily Mail charged in an editorial Friday: "UNESCO... is corrupt, spends three-quarters of its income in Paris and is profoundly anti-Western."

The Daily Telegraph, which also backs the Thatcher government, said Britain was quitting "a body whose chief features have been horribly changed" since its creation in the end of World War II.

The paper applauded the government's decision to renege on the \$6.4 million (\$9.4 million) previously earmarked as Britain's 1986 contribution to UNESCO funds to educational and scientific activities in Third World countries.

"This is absolute proof that our withdrawal from UNESCO is not motivated by any disenchantment with the Third World," the Daily Telegraph wrote.

But the Guardian wrote: "Britain's withdrawal from UNESCO managed to seem both sad and petty. Underlying the Anglo-American boycott is the feeling that donors to UNESCO should be spared the complaints and the ideological ganging-up against them by the recipients, who, like the poor in the world, are in the great majority. This is a natural reaction, perhaps, but hardly statesmanlike."

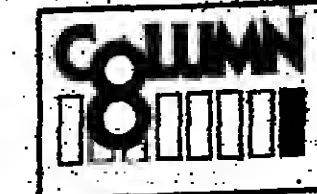
Labourite Tony Benn, a ex-energy minister, said the move would damage Britain.

Egypt said Friday it regrets Britain's decision to quit UNESCO and said the move would weaken the organisation.

Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Ghali also called for solidarity among members of the Paris-based body to enable it to carry out its mission.

Dr. Ghali said in a statement the move contradicted what he called UNESCO's philosophy of dialogue, cooperation and peaceful co-existence between different ideologies.

Dr. Ghali said he would see British Ambassador Sir Alan Urwick Saturday to discuss the decision.



Feuding mothers kill each other's child

DHAKA (R) — Two wives of a farmer backed each other's son to death in a row over food, police said. The feuding wives were arrested after they used axes to kill the children in the north Bangladesh district of Rangpur. Police said the argument started after one wife accused the other of stealing food for her son.

Teenage killers jailed for life

DHAKA (R) — A Dhaka court has jailed two 14-year-old boys for life for killing a friend out of jealousy, court officials have said. They said the boys drowned Mohammad Mamun in a lake because he was better at exams and football than they were. Judge Humayun Ali said their age saved them from the gallows.

Man shoots ex-wife, 3 children, then himself

SYDNEY (R) — A 38-year-old man shot his ex-wife, babyson and two young daughters then killed himself after court limited his access to the children, police said. The killings in a south-west Sydney suburb followed a family court decision on Tuesday which restricted Sergio Gianfrancesco to seeing his children three days a week. Police said they believed the court ruling was the motive for Gianfrancesco shooting first his wife, then children, aged three, six and seven.

Parents to face trial for water diet baby death

MELBOURNE (R) — An Australian couple whose three-year-old daughter died after being kept on a water diet for four weeks were committed for trial on manslaughter charges. A coroner's court in Melbourne was told that Marcus Barnes, 24, a nurse, and Joanne Eaton, 26, a nursing aide, were followers of natural medicine who put their daughter Rebecca on the diet to cure a cold. The girl died of pneumonia triggered by malnutrition and weighed nine kilograms, half the average weight for a child her age and height, the court heard.

City to kill all dogs except those on guard

PEKING (R) — The north China city of Taiyuan has decided that only watchdogs will be allowed there and all other dogs should be caught and killed, its official newspaper reported. The Taiyuan Daily said all organisations which needed to possess dogs had to register them and vaccinate them against rabies. "Dogs which are not registered will be considered to be wild dogs and will all be killed without exception," the paper said. Rabies is endemic throughout much of China and authorities have for many years banned the keeping of dogs in urban areas for health reasons.

Marseilles in dread of new rat plague

MARSEILLES (R) — This Mediterranean port, which lost about half its population in the great plague of 1720, was gripped by fear of a new plague after newspapers reported a city rat population of a million. Merchants said they were running out of rat poisons, which were selling faster than bread loaves. The port laboratory, established to track down and eliminate pests, has been closed in recent weeks because of drainage problems, leaving Marseilles without any anti-rat services except those of the city. The city authorities told a news conference it would spend 190 million francs (about \$25,000) on a rat-control campaign.

Human heads found in Lagos taxi

LAGOS (R) — Two severed and bleeding human heads have been found in a food container in the boot of a Lagos taxi, the daily Times reported Friday. The driver, who tried to flee after police at a check point asked him to open the container for inspection, said he had been left behind by a woman passenger. He and two other male occupants of the car are now helping the police with their inquiries.

Labour wins parliament seat in poll

LONDON (R) — Britain's opposition Labour Party won a parliamentary by-election Friday in a low poll that gave no comfort either to the ruling Conservatives or their political rivals.

"We are clearly on course for victory at the next general election," said Labour leader Neil Kinnock in an optimistic statement after Thursday's ballot in the poverty-stricken Tyne Bridge district of north east England.

But only 38 per cent of local electors bothered to vote in a

rain-drenched contest which saw the centre-left Alliance Party push the Conservatives into third place in an area regarded as a safe seat for Labour.

The Alliance, forged between the Liberal and Social Democratic parties two years ago, came out best. Its share of the vote went up to nearly 30 per cent, about 11 per cent higher than in the 1983 general election.

Labour captured 57.9 per cent, only fractionally better than its

1983 performance, despite the fact that the main opposition party was expected to score a sweeping victory in the mid-term of a Conservative government unpopular in opinion surveys.

Labour's vote at Tyne Bridge was 13,500, a drop of more than 6,000. Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservatives saw their support fall by 14 per cent to a mere 2,500. The Alliance was supported by 6,900 in the electorate of more than 60,000.

Mitterrand, Fabius in row over Jaruzelski visit

PARIS (R) — A row between President Francois Mitterrand and Prime Minister Laurent Fabius over a visit by Poland's leader opened a government rift only three months ahead of parliamentary elections, commentators said Friday.

The split surfaced on Wednesday when Mr. Fabius voiced disapproval of Mr. Mitterrand's decision to receive Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, the man who cracked down on the Solidarity trade union in 1981. Mr. Fabius made clear he had not been consulted about the visit.

On Thursday, both men tried to publicly patch up the dispute which left a bitter aftertaste in French politics.

Mr. Mitterrand, in a brief statement from Martinique, where he is on a three-day tour of French Caribbean possessions, said: "As is normal and constitutional, I fully assume the responsibility of decisions, all decisions made on my authority."

The Socialist president added: "I have no further comment but to

say that we have a lot of work to do for France and that the government must pursue the work it has begun."

Officials said the statement, delivered from a small fishing village, followed a half-hour telephone conversation between Mr. Mitterrand and his 38-year-old protégé.

At about the same time, a spokesman for Mr. Fabius said in Paris: "There will be no follow-up of this affair."

The offices of both men refused comment on the row for most of Thursday, prompting a flurry of rumours that Mr. Fabius was about to resign.

Political sources said the affair was certain to further dent the already flagging popularity of the government, widely expected to lose power in the March poll. Mr. Fabius's open challenge to Mr. Mitterrand's authority upset Socialist Party officials even more than Gen. Jaruzelski's visit, and prompted calls for Mr. Fabius to quit, they added.

China gradually relaxing 1-child policy

PEKING (R) — China said Friday it would allow more couples to have two children, slightly easing its strict one-child per family policy designed to curb population growth.

"The one-child family policy will be gradually relaxed to allow couples with special circumstances to have two children if they wish to," the China Daily quoted State Family Planning Commission Chairman Wang Wei as saying.

The paper said local governments in some areas could allow couples to have a second child if the first-born was a girl or if they lived in particularly poor or remote regions and spaced their children four or five years apart.

Mr. Wang, describing the situation facing China's birth control efforts as grim, said the country was facing a baby boom which would last at least 10 years.

China's population is expected to reach 1,046 billion by the end of the year. It was rising by 12 million a year despite the one-child policy.

Family planning workers are going to have to work hard to hold the population to the planned 1.2 billion limit by the end of the century, Mr. Wang said.

China's leaders consider population control to be vital for economic progress, but the one-child policy has brought political friction both at home and internationally as some zealous officials have pressured women to abort pregnancies.

United States conservatives this year forced a halt to U.S. contributions to the United Nations population programmes, for fear the money was used to support coercive abortion policies in China.

China offers financial and educational rewards to one-child families, while imposing fines and other penalties for those which break the rules.

China denies that its policies are coercive, although it admits there have been abuses, and even that a very few peasant families kill unwanted girl babies.

While Chinese officials say population growth is under control, the official People's Daily said Friday that in some areas of the country there was a disturbing trend towards younger marriage and childbirth.

Aborigines 'ignored' during nuclear tests in Australia

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — The safety of Aborigines was never considered when Australia allowed Britain to conduct atomic tests during the 1950s, an official report has found.

Their survival was a matter of luck, concluded the report by the Royal Commission into British nuclear tests in Australia, made public Thursday.

The report, which was critical of the then Australian government headed by Sir Menzies, recommended that Britain pay the costs of cleaning up the remote

areas of Maralinga and Emu in south Australia and the Monte Bello Islands off the coast of Western Australia, where 12 bombs were exploded from 1952 to 1957.

The Royal Commission also said the Australian government should compensate Aborigines for loss of their land, parts of which are still radioactive. The report was vague on which areas are still contaminated or to what degree.

It offered few details of how the tests and fallout affected Australia's 170,000 Aborigines, who

are thought to have settled about 70,000 years ago.

Similarly, the report gave no projected cost for cleaning up areas made uninhabitable by general weapons debris. But a figure of 1 billion Australian dollars (\$700 million) was mentioned last year when the commission held hearings in London.

Headed by former Labour cabinet minister and judge, Jim McLelland, the inquiry described attempts to ensure Aboriginal safety during tests as "a demonstration of ignorance, incompetence and cynicism."

The Maralinga area takes in traditional Aboriginal sacred sites, and although the area is restricted, it was "handed back to the Aboriginal people as part of a land rights package last year."

The report found that during the tests authorities failed to consider the lifestyles of Aborigines.

"For the buffalo tests (four tests held at Maralinga in 1956) a site was chosen on the false assumption that the area was not used by its traditional Aboriginal owners," the report said.

Aborigines in Nicaragua and added: "They aren't just advisers, they seem to be in combat, too."

Mr. Abrams, the department's top aide on Central America, cited as evidence a report from the largest Contra group that it had shot down a Soviet-built helicopter in northern Nicaragua on Monday and found two Cubans among the 14 dead.

His disclosure was termed "mostly hype" by a key aide to the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Subcommittee, who said Mr. Abrams had not provided sufficient evidence.

"There was no specific evidence indicating the Cubans are acting any differently than they have been in the last two years," said the aide, who asked to remain anonymous.

Combat involvement by Cuban military advisers in Nicaragua to support its efforts to broaden political support for the U.S.-backed Contra rebels.

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Managua recalls envoy to U.S. after helicopter shot down

MANAGUA (R) — Nicaragua recalled its ambassador to the United States for consultations after charging that one of its helicopters was shot down by a U.S.-supplied surface-to-air-missile.

Acting Foreign Minister Victor Tinsco told a news conference Thursday night Nicaragua had also requested a meeting of the United Nations Security Council.

Mr. Tinsco said air force investigators had established that a Nicaraguan Mi-8 helicopter was shot down on Monday by a SAM-7 missile. He said it was one of dozens of missiles supplied by the United States to insurgents seeking the violent overthrow of the left-wing Sandinista government.

All 14 people aboard the helicopter were killed when it plo-

ughed into tress 150 kilometres north east of Managua shortly after take-off.

"The irresponsible attitude of the U.S. government, supplying terrorist groups in its services with these weapons, raises the conflict in Central America to unduly unknown levels," a statement read by Mr. Tinsco said.

The statement said the sophisticated SAM-7 missiles could put civilian aircraft in the region at risk.

Mr. Tinsco, who is acting as foreign minister while Mr. Miguel d'Escoto visits Asia, said Nicaragua's ambassador to Washington, Carlos Tunerban, had been recalled to Managua for consultations.

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combat involvement by Cuban military advisers in Nicaragua to support its efforts to broaden political support for the U.S.-backed Contra rebels.

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Mr. Abrams later acknowledged in an interview published in the New York Times Friday that he hoped the disclosure would lead to greater U.S. public support for military assistance to the rebels. Direct military aid has been barred by Congress.

He told the subcommittee that there are about 2,500 Cuban